

To the slaughter . . . As fury mounts at the government's handling of the BSE affair, a number of European countries last night banned British bee

in communicable disease con-

trol for Manchester, said that

the number of deaths from the disease could eventually

be between 10 and 100,000.

though it was still too early to

Experts accuse Government of failing the public

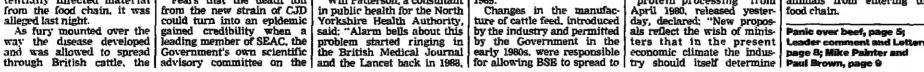
Owen Bowcott Patrick Wintour and **Christopher Elliott**

the long-running crisis came under increasingly bitter attack from both research scientists and opposition INISTERS politicians. ignored sci-

There was a gathering feelentific ading at Westminster that the issue had the potential to deal vice about dangers another devastating blow to of BSE de the Government's threadhare layed introducing safe pracreputation for competence tices and failed to remove po and trustworthiness. tentially infected material Fears that the death toll

Government's management of

from the food chain, it was alleged last night.



to be kept at home but

their firing mechanisms to be

"big epidemic". The Government's reliance on only a handful of scientific experts to combat the threat was criticised by numerous researchers. Stephen Dealler, consultant microbiologist at Burnley General Hospital, who has been working on BSE and CJD since 1988, said: "It's just stupidity. They [the Government] simply didn't have public health people in-volved at the beginning of

this." Will Patterson, a consultant in public health for the North Yorkshire Health Authority

outbreak, warned that casu-alty figures might rise Austin significantly. Mike Painter, a consultant



vet initial control procedures

to protect public health did

not appear until November

Changes in the manufac-ture of cattle feed, introduced

1989

cows, Tim Lang, professor of how best to produce a high food policy at Thames Valley quality product." But a minis-University, said yesterday. Profesor Lang, chairman of the National School Meals Campaign, warned: "Never before have diseased rumi-nants [sheep] been fed to other ruminants [cows] and then fed to humans. We are in mass experiment which is

killing us. Failure to regulate the food rendering industry, which processes offai and animal • 18 months to make BSE a notifiable disease after its parts, was the cause of BSE. he said, referring specifically to ending use of chemical solvents in the process. 'Farmers are going to be

Two and a half years to anwiped out by this and it is all because the Ministry of Agrinounce the ban on cattle and offal for human consumption: culture was trying to protect More than three years to commerce.

provide full compensation for farmers and an effective in-An internal Ministry of Agriculture document on centive to prevent infected animals from entering the "protein processing" from April 1980, released yesterfood chain. day, declared; "New propos

scientific advice. Gavin

Strang, shadow agriculture spokesman, said it took the

• 20 months to introduce a

compulsory slaughter and

compensation scheme:

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discovery;

beef industry could come at sider whether imports of the weekend when the Government's advisers meet with only one question to answer PHOTOGRAPH: LUCA ZAMPEDE 'Should children be prevented from eating beef to protect their health?"

quality product." But a minis-try spokesman last night insisted there had been "no reg-ulatory changes" covering the newly identified strain of brain disease which may be such processes in the 1980s. transferred from cattle to hu-Labour yesterday produced a list of government delays mans attacks young adults. Because of the long incubaand refusals to act on its own

tion for the disease, experts have been asked whether children might be particu-

British beef should be sus-pended altogether while the issue is investigated again. Its report will be considered by the Commission on Monday. rotect their health?" Douglas Hogg, the Agricul-Evidence is mounting that he newly identified strain of Commission that the European bans constituted an unfair restraint on trade. He said they were illegal and called on the Commission to overturn them, adding that if necessary the case would be turn to page 2, column 7





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Gun amnesty goes ahead Make it peppery, not mild

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moved and lodged at the NATIONAL firearms police station to frustrate burglars.

amnesty is to be held in the wake of the Dun-blane massacre, the Prime "We hope the amnesty will take out of circulation as many illegally held weapons as possible." Michael How-ard, the Home Secretary, said announced Minister vesterday. The decision will deflect

repeated calls for tighter gun laws until the inquiry led by the Scottish judge Lord Cul-len into the tragedy reports at the end of September. Howlast night. "This is something we have been considering for some time before Dunblane occurred. The Cabinet decision to ever, the terms of reference announced yesterday allow him to recommend action press ahead "in principle" with the annesty has been made before the police have

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sooner. The Home Office is already considering one reform of the clarification of the legal posi-

Britain

The two pilots of

crashed with the

loss of 29 lives are

not to blame for the

disaster, an inquiry

reports today

an RAF Chinook which

gun laws which would allow I tion of accepting unlicensed weapons, whose possession is a criminal offence

The annesty is expected begin within the next three months. More than one million unlicensed weapons are believed to be in circulation. The shadow Scottish secre-tary, George Robertson, said he "strongly welcomed" the terms of reference of the Cullen inquiry. • The last three victims of

the Dunblane massacre were buried yesterday, the eve of the reopening of the town's primary school. Separate funeral services were held for Gwen Mayor, the teacher. Brett McKinnon, aged six and Ross Irvine, aged five,

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Richard Thomas and Sally Weale

HERE was a time when the cost of living in modern-day Britain was measured by the price of a good honest pint of mild in the local boozer, enjoyed with a packet of fags, and a fish supper to follow. Not any more.

The Government's Central Statistical Office has seen fit to "update" the socalled basket of goods used expenses

to measure retail prices. Gone is the pint of mild, once favoured by the regulars in Coronation Street's Rovers Return. Out, too, is

that nice piece of frozen | in." But Clare Short, plaice. In their place in the Labour MP for Birming-CSO's new-look shopping basket come kilograms of ham Ladywood, was far from satisfied. Sounding distinctly Old Labour, she shiny green peppers and Jane Fonda-inspired aerosaid: "The Government are bics classes; the children's living in a different world private school fees; and, cuto replace a fish supper and

riously, flower vases. Out, too, are certain brands of chocolates, sweets and cigarettes, con-mingham, at least, it seems dustbin. Instead, the CSO is fit to alter some of the to monitor the cost of car | places where price tags are steering locks and funeral sampled.

Out go declining Mid-A CSO spokesman last night justified the changes: "We watch to see whether a spending trend is an estab- much chance of mild maklished one before putting it | ing a comeback.

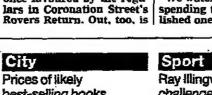
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Sketch

Poll proposals called loony and a dog's breakfast but ministers are confident of riding out boycott risk

Everyone invited Ulster plan runs into flak



to the party

Simon Hoggart

ACED with the job of choosing between innumerable different forms of election for Northern Ireland, each passionately favoured by one party or an-other, the Government has got round the problem by electing everybody. Not quite everybody, of

course, but almost anyone who would like to be elected can be. The deal seems to be that roughly half the people will take part in the forum, so the other balf can be hired to stop them killing each other.

The 110 people in the new forum will represent the popu-lation of Northern Ireland, which is 112 million. It's as if the House of Commons were to have 4,445 members. (Not such a bad idea; at least they might fill the place now and again.) The Prime Minister ex-

plained the system. Every con-stituency will have five mem-bers. But there will be an extra clutch of seats for the other. minor, parties — giving place to cranks and fringe groups such as Screaming Lord Sutch, the Conservative Party

and so forth. The plan was accepted by most MPs, if somewhat grudg-ingly. Mr Ashdown said it was "a dog's breakfast. But it is the only dog's breakfast on offer. and it may be the best dog's breakfast available.

(Admiring his glossy coat and shiny nose. I have some-times suspected that Mr Ashdown eats a vitamin-enriched dog's breakfast every morning.)

Mr Blair sort of welcomed the plan, adding: "Nothing should stand in the way of peace. I am quite certain that is the view of the people of Northern Ireland." This is the boilerplate lan-

guage politicians feel obliged to use about Ulster, rather in the way that the Queen Mum was always described on tele-vision as "radiant", even

if she looked as if she'd spent the night in a shop doorway. David Sharrock If the people of Northern Ireland really thought nothing should stand in the way of peace, they would vote for the Alliance, the only party committed to peace rather than victory. In fact, the Alliance

will get around 10 per cent, which has always been the total vote for moderation in Northern Ireland. Oddly enough, the SDLP view was not presented by the Blessed John Hume, but by his side-kick, Seamus Mallon (Newry). While Mr Hume sits

on the bench being saintly, Mr Mallon gets on with being very, very cross. The new forum had no sup-port in the nationalist commu-nity, he said. It was a Unionist-Inspired. Unionist-

proposal

dominated prototype of their preferred structure, even be-

fore negotiations began. "Will you accept there is no broad support in the nationalist community for this elec-tive process? It is divisive and nonsensical, the Monster Raving Loony Election Proposal! Messrs Mallon and Hume come from the misty border lands, where most of the populace feels far more Irish than British. They mistrust elections because all they prove h one uncomfortable fact - that there are an awful lot of Unionists to the north and the

Of course, if there weren't there wouldn't be a problem. But the Irish problem is a set of interlocking vicious circles Mr Major told Mr Mallon that he had "done himself no credit". You can always tell when the Prime Minister is rattled, because, rather than answering the question. he ac-cuses the other side of moral

turpitude. Dennis Skinner said that the whole deal had been patched up to buy votes for the Government to keep them in office. Mr Major denied this, and I suspect he was telling

the truth. The trouble is that nobody really believes anything this Government says any more. There was a time when, if a minister in a dark suit and a bowler hat told you it was safe to eat beef, you would believe

Now you treat him like a double-glazing salesman who promises the aluminium frames won't buckle.

McGuinness, said the election Patrick Wintour and was "complete anathema" to nationalists.

However, Northern Ireland ministers are privately confi-dent that the political parties OHN Major yester-lay came under fire will not boycott the elections. from every major Northern Ireland which have been crafted to ensure that all parties, includ-ing those linked to the Protesparty following pub-lication of byzantine comprotant paramilitaries, are mise proposals for elections. The nationalist SDLP claimed

The elections, to an 110he had created "a monster member forum, will be held raving loony electoral on May 30. Eighteen constituencies will each elect five Seamus Mallon, the SDLP members. The electorate will deputy leader, said the pro-posals, which are designed to vote for a party rather than individuals, and consituency seats will later be allocated reopen the path to all-party talks, were divisive, nonsen sical and a sop to Unionists, as well as a diversion from proportionately. The remaining 20 seats to

the real task of all-party talks. The Sinn Fein president, Gerry Adams, said Mr Major had bowed to a Unionist the forum will be allocated to the top 10 political parties measured by the aggregate vote across the province agenda, while the party's Each party will be allocated all-party talks, but only those chief negotiator. Martin two seats. The forum, which elected will be entitled to par-

The main points E Legislation for elections to 110 strong forum

introduced at Easter Elections by May 30. Elections in 18 constituencies with voters putting one mark on ballot paper; seats distributed on list proportionally according to votes for parties within constituency. Extra 20 seats for top 10 parties, ensuring Unionist paramilitary involvement. be involved.

will have a maximum life-span of two years, will not have a direct input into the all-party talks, but only those

C Government unconvinced by call for refer-

endum. Forum to meet alongside all-party talks. Negotiators to allparty talks to be drawn from forum on equal numbers per party basis . Negotiators must commit themselves to Mitchell principles. TIRA must reinstate ceasefire for Sinn Fein to

tucipate in them Seats at the talks will not be distributed according to the votes in the elections, but instead all parwill be given an equal

number of seats. The talks are | purpose of marginalising

Sina Fem. The Labour leader. Tony due to start on June 10. Mr Major insisted that the Blair, yesterday said that the system would not appear complex to voters since the electoral system was not ballot paper will require them ideal, but not was the political situation. The Liberal to cast only one vote.

Sinn Fein will be free to Democrat leader, Pauly Ashdown, said that the system was "a dog's breakast, but the stand for the elections with out an IRA ceasefire, but un-equivocal restoration of the best dog's breakfast availceasefire of August 1994 will able be required before they can Peter Robinson, Democratic Unionist deputy leader, said

take part in all-party talks. Mr Major reached his solu-tion on the electoral system of Mr Major "Having set har. self the goal of finding an elecafter he was unable to broker toral system that is most broadly acceptable, he has found the system that is least an agreement between Ulster Unionist support for elections on a constituency basis and SDLP-Democratic Unionist broadly acceptable" Irish government officals noted that while there had backing for all-province

been much criticism of the plan, no party had actually committed itself to boycotting Ministers have rejected the SDLP proposals for a referen-dum north and south of the the election border, partly because they fear it will not achieve its

Fears grow of renewed war in the Balkans Martin Walker In Washington and Ian Black in London HE United States and British governments warned yesterday of an explosion of renewed conflict in the Balkans by the year's end unless urgent action is taken to shore up the battered Dayton peace accord. The grim predictions came amid signs that officials in Europe and the US are again preparing to blame each other - as they fear - the Bosnian ceasefire collapses. "The overall strategic polit-

A reconstruction of one of the roundhouses used by the clan, which died off 3,000 years ago after an Icelandic eruption



cloud to reach Britain came when the Laki Fissure, near Mount Katla, erupted in 1783, casting a hot, dry, suffocating and crop-blight-ing fog as far as Naples. The smell of sulphur was so strong that Christians

On both sides, the media 15

from the five-nation Contact

ical goals of the former war-ring factions [in the Balkans] have not fundamentally changed," Lieutenant-General Patrick Hughes, director of the Defence Intelli-

gence Agency, told the US senate intelligence committee in a report written last month and declassified yesterday. Without a concerted effort

by the international commu-nity, including substantial pro-gress on the civil sector to restore economic viability to provide for conditions in The last volcanic sulphur which national political stability can be achieved, the prospects for the existence of a viable, unitary Bosnia beyond the life of I-For [the Nato implefeared bell had arrived on mentation Force] are dim." Earth. The writer and poli-tician Horace Walpole White House fears of a new eruption during the US presispoke of "a constant mist that gives no dew but might as well be smoke". The poet dential election have been fudiplomatic showcas elled by the failure of Islamic nations to provide funds to Thomas Cowper wrote: "The sun sets with the face of a hot salamander and train and equip Bosnia's armed forces, and by Euro-pean reluctance to keep rises with the same troops there if US forces pull complexion." Recently Dr Gribben, of out as planned in the autumn. British officials are also the Institute of Earth Sciences at the University of Wales in Aberystwyth, gloomy, warning that after the Serb exodus from Sarajevo hopes for reconciliation insisting she leave. published a research paper which found that these volare gone, and that prospects for elections, a key element of Nato chief fails to sway the Dayton process, are poor. Russia, page 6 canic emissions were con-

still dominated by the ruling parties, making it hard to envisage the "free and fair elections" due to be supervised by the Organisation for Co-operation and Security in Europe With foreign ministers

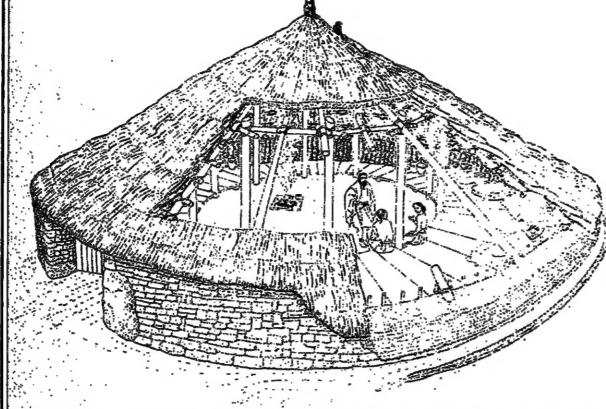
Group meeting their counter-parts from Bosnia, Crontia and Serbia in Moscow tomorrow, concern is mounting sharply in both Washington and London about the future

Foreign Office sources say the Muslim-Croat federation is dangerously fragile, and the absence of a "peace dividend" for rump Yugoslavia is push-ing Serbia's president. Slobo-dan Milosevic, eastwards to

engage with Russia and China rather than the West. Carl Bildt, the co-ordinator

of the civilian implementation effort, has already asked Nato for help in providing security for the elections - ex-

ected in September. This means that original plans to start withdrawing the 60.000-strong force in June would have to be shelved and increases the chances of the departure date being delayed. The White House fears any new threat of international disruption to President Bill Clinton's re-election cam-



on the rocks

O'Brien horribly

Lyn Gardner

Disgracefully Yours Cornedy Theatre

Review

ELL is a groovy and happening place — wel-come to a hell of a party, announces Richard O'Brien creator of cult hits The Rocky Horror Show and The Crystal Maze, at the start of Disgracefully Yours, a rock 'n' roll musical that looks pretty

Hill suggested Jean-Paul Sartre, is other people. How true. In particular, hell is 90 minutes of eternity in the presence of O'Brien as he struts about the stage like an ageing rock star (no sympathy for this devil) sporting a cou-ple of perfectly darling little horns on his forehead and a pair of cloven hooves. The hooves are wedgies, but then the camp spirit of the '70s and the ghost of Frank Nfurter hovers like a sad reproof over this silly, smutty evening. O'Brien not only stars as

Mephistopheles Smith, a demon evangelist for a vastly improved hell, he is also responsible for the songs, the lyrics and the book. What book? Well may you ask. It seems to have disappeared in a whiff of

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sulphur. Despite the presence of the band, known as the Black Angels, and three backing singers and dancers, dubbed Brother Michael and the Fabulous Frockettes, this

is essentially a one-man show in which the slightly menacing, whacky persona of O'Brien is interchangeable with that of Mephistopheles Smith. There are some more than

John Ezard

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halfway decent lines — "God is not only for Christmas": You give good hedonism" but O'Brien lacks the timing of the very best stand-ups. Of course, the whole evening is only meant to be taken as a bit of fun, and there were people in the audience determined to have a ball. But it is a show that is esset tially lazy and self-reverential. one that doesn't move O'Brien forward but has him con-

stantly barking back to his heyday and The Rocky Horro Show, when putting men in fishnet tights was more than just a fashion statement. In the programme, the CV of one of the dancers, Debbie Scamp, has a marvellous mis print. It announces how de-

lighted she is to be appearing in Disastrously Yours. This review appeared in later editions yesterday.

Archaeologist Alan Duffy pieces together a clan burial urn

remains of one of the lost clans of Scotland vulcanologists, John Grib-ben, said yesterday: "The air quality in our major cities in these conditions is provided a new text for doomsayers yesterday. The habitat in which they had flourished for millennia was destroyed within a few now so poor that the addimonths — by acid rain. That was 3,000 years ago. tion of several million tonnes of carbon dioxide The acid came from a peri-odic eruption by an Icelan-dic volcano. But at least the could be catastrophic. We have made ourselves extremely vulnerable. Sooner clan had time to get away. We may not be so lucky or later we will have a major eruption somewhere which will coincide with low air quality. Katla erupts on a 50-year cycle." The 400-strong clan, which lived at a time when after the next eruption which is overdue, according to a vulcanologist. The finding of the big abandoned settlement, by

archaeologists excavating a future Highlands road re-alignment, led to grim pre-dictions that Europe-wide King Solomon was building the temple in Jerusalem. was destroyed when up to half a tonne of acid per acre havoc could be caused in a fell on its three miles of 1995-style summer by car-bon dioxide from Mount Katla in south-east Iceland. One of Britain's leading land in the Glen Shin, Sutherland. "That made the soil infer-

tile for years and forced burial cairus."

people to leave or starve," Dr Gribben said. centrated by a zone of stable high pressure over Archaeologists found vol-canic ash in the soil, Europe between late June and July, 1783. The pattern was similar to the persisogether with 50 Bronze Age roundhouses, tools, the remains of stone walls up tent high pressure which caused last summer's long to three feet high, hut-cirheatwave. The paper concludes: "The coincidence of a sumcles. grain samples and decorative banded ornaments. The senior archaeologist, Rod McCullagh, said: "We

mer like 1995 with a large(ish) Italian or Icelando not know what language dic volcanic eruption will they spoke, where they were from or what they were called. What we can say is that there was a have severe consequences for human health in urban environments." Dr Gribben added yestersettled, sophisticated and well ordered farming com-

day: "If the results are as severe as the Laki Fissure outpouring in 1783, crops will be ruined, fish will die in the rivers, a thick toxic munity in this glen which "This site is very important because we are able to fog will drift over the see the bigger picture and not just a few isolated country and asthma suffer-ers all over Europe will be in danger.

peacemaking claims in Northern Ireland and Israel. Dayton is the prime exhibit in his

Ed Vulliamy adds from Vu-kopar. Madeleine Albright, the US ambassador to the United Nations, came under a light hail of stones and a barrage of insults hurled by a Serh moh as she toured Vukovar in eastern Croatia yesterday. The ambush cut short her walkabout. with nervous security officers

Beef ban spreads over Europe

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taken to the European Court of Justice. Mr Hogg said: The ban is unnecessary. worrying, wrong in princi-The Commission over-

turned a previous German ban but the issue is unlikely to be resolved so simply this time. The Scientific Veterinary Committee hears evidence today from two of Brit-ain's experts on BSE, one of whom, Ray Bradley, chairs

the committee. The second is Richard Kimberlin, a consultant on scrapie, the sheep dis-

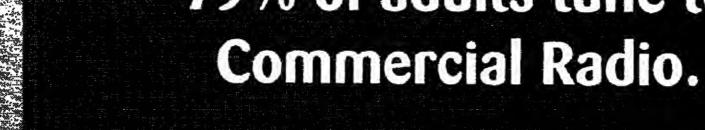
vise a ban and so reinforce the unilateral action.

The French announcement prompted Marks & Spencer, which has 16 branches across France, to withdraw all Brit-ish beef from its shelves. A company spokeswoman indi-cated that deliveries in tran-sit would be turned away.

In advance of the weekend meeting of Seac and another Commons statement on BSE on Monday, John Major refused to make a categorical statement that it was safe to feed beef to children. Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, ease which spread to cattle as refused to say that he would BSE. The committee can ad- ask his children to eat beef.

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Question: When is a portable stereo listening device the same as a Sony Walkman? Answer: Never. Yesterday three appeal court judges delivered their verdict on this weighty matter -at a cost of £500,000 to the British taxpayer. Now the battle goes on in the US courts

Vivek Chaudhary on the failure of a German inventor's legal challenge

Walkman claim rejected

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to sue Sony, claiming that he came up with the idea of the Walkman two years before it was launched by the Japanese multi-national. The ruling will cost the British taxpayer £500,000 after the judges ordered Mr Pavel to pay the legal costs of Sony and Toshiba, the other company he was suing. Mr Pavel, aged 31, was granted legal aid to pursue his case and the money for costs will come out of the legal aid fund. multi-national.

to prove he invented the Walkman, which ended in defeat in the Appeal Court. Andreas Pavel lost his bid

HREE judges yester-day criticised the huge cost of a maver-ick German's quest

legal aid fund.

Mr Pavel had hoped to claim up to £100 million in royalties from Sony and Toshiba, for sales in Britain alone, if he had won his ap-peal. The court heard that he took out a patent in 1977, two years before the Sony Walk-man was launched, for a "portable stereo listening device to be worn on a belt, and had invented the idea of a Walk-man while on holiday. Around 150 million Walk-

mans have been sold, generat-ing more than 23 billion in worldwide sales. Mr Pavel was asking the Appeal Court to overturn a ruling by the Patents County Court in 1993

that his patent was invalid. Guy Burkill, representing Sony, told the judges that Mr Pavel had "no disposable capital" and there was no point in an order for costs being made against him personally.



WHO warns of drug-resistant strain of disease

TB 'will kill 30m in next 10 years'

Chris Mihill Modical Correspondent

UBERCULOSIS is past three years despite the organisation declaring TB a spreading rapidly throughout the world and is killing more global health emergency in 1993, the first time it had ever so identified a single disease. people than at any time in history, the World Health Organisation said yesterday. British specialists said that the number of cases in Brit-Some 80 countries were now using an effective treat-ment programme under. which patients were super-vised when taking drugs to ensure they finished the six-month course, but many ain had increased every year since 1985 and there had been reports of drug-resistant TB which was difficult and exothers could not afford to im-plement this.

pensive to treat. A new report by the organi-sation, launched in London yesterday to mark World TB Day on Sunday, said that the "We knew three years ago that tuberculosis had become the world's greatest killer of adults. We also know that a third of the world's populadisease would kill 30 million people over the next 10 years tion was already infected, with an additional person Yet effective treatment was available for £7 per person in some parts of the world. being infected every second.

TB was the most urgant health problem facing the planet, dwarfing fears about the ebola virus or BSE, yet Three years ago we warned that the TB epidemic would become much worse. It has." TB was the biggest single killer of women across the globe and a third of people with HIV died from TB. Bethere was still huge complacency in many countries, it said

TB on the rise

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Paul Nunn, chief of research for the organisa-tion's global TB programme cause TB struck people in their most productive years it caused huge economic damage. "Many leaders are still be-having as if TB did not exist. Other diseases such as fleshand a former specialist at Hammersmith Hospital, London, said: "The population of Britain is legitimately coneating bacteria, the plague, and the ebola virus are higher on the public-policy cerned about BSE, but reports focus on 10 cases of CJD which may be related to this." There were about 6,000 cases agenda than tuberculosis

Africa

of TB a year in Britain and 400 deaths. Arata Kochi, director of the TB programme, said the posi-tion had deteriorated over the

"Tuberculosis kills over 10.000 times as many people each year as the ebola virus. And, unlike ebola, tuberculo-sis spreads through the air. Anyone can catch tuberculo sis simply by inhaling a TB germ that has been coughed or sneezed into the air. These germs can stay suspended for hours.

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"In a closed environment. they can remain alive for up to three years. There is no where to hide from tuberculosis. We are all at risk." The disease had killed 2.1

million people in 1900 but today, because of the increase in population, the rise of HIV, which weakens the immune systen, and the failure of control programmes, TB was kill-ing 3 million people a year. Poor control programmes where people failed to finish

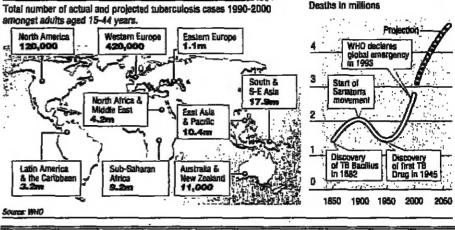
the course of treatment were fuelling drug-resistant strains,

These were extremely diffi-cult to treat and in some cases were incurable.

"With continued neglect and inaction, deaths from TB may continue to rise and kill well over 100 million people in the next 50 years." John Moore-Gillion, chair-

man of the British Lung Foundation, said: "Between 1986 and 1994 there has been a steady increase in TB cases in this country. People under 60 forget what a terrible cause of suffering TB was in Britain."

Annual TB deaths Deaths In millions



Businesses bullish as inflation falls again

The company argued that the development of the Walkman was obvious and its produc tion was just a matter of time. Richard Miller QC, for To

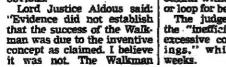
shiba, which would also have been liable to pay royalties if been hable to pay royalities in Mr Pavel had won, said: "This appeal only came about because Mr Pavel was granted legal aid. The legal aid board gave support to what is in effect commercial lightligh between commercial litigation between companies and we don't understand how Mr Pavel could have possibly been able to pay these sums alone

He said legal aid was intended for fighting for per-sonal injury damages, not for battles between competing companies. Lord Justice Neill, Lord

Justice Hobhouse and Lord Justice Aldous all agreed that Mr Pavel's original patent was not an inventive concept and refused him leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

Lord Justice Aldous added that in his view Mr Pavel's patent was for an invention entitled Sterophonic Production System for Personal Wear, on a belt. The patent was revoked by the Patents

Andreas Pavel ... said he invented Walkman while on holiday, but judges threw out his claim Photograph: DAVID SALITOE County Court because it lacked novelty and was inva lid because the idea was obvious.

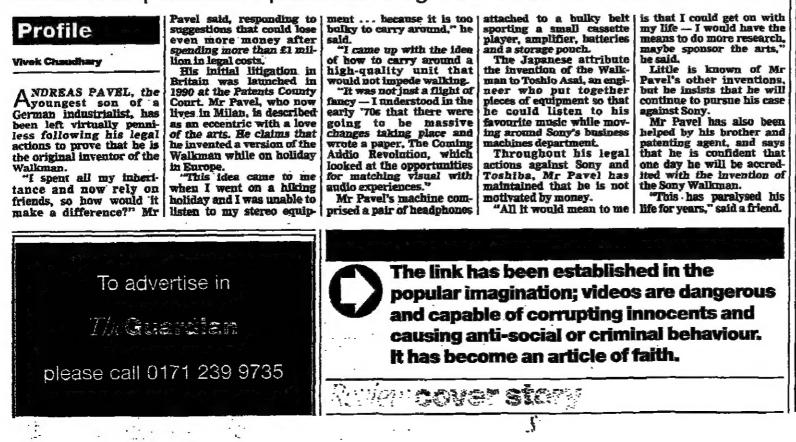


would have been just as successful without any belt, clip or loop for belt attachment." The judges also deplored the "inefficiency, delay and excessive costs of the hearings." which lasted four weeks.

expended a considerable amount of costs. Whether the fault for these lamentable to be achieved." fault for these lamentable Mr Pavel's original case he is currently pursuing his events is that of the proce-dure adopted or something the Patents County Court, set the United States.

Lord Justice Aldous said: else is not for me to decide. up to make justice cheaper "Mr Pavel ended up needing However, some alteration is legal aid and the defendants necessary if the purposes of ventors and small businesses. the Patents County Court are Mr Pavel was not in court to hear vesterday's ruling as

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Richard Thomas Economics Corres

HE Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, received a double dose of good news yesterday when inflation fell to its lowest level for more than a year and the CBI signalled growing business confidence. Cheaper mortgages and a petrol price war sent the headline inflation rate down to 2.7 per cent last month from 2.9 per cent in January. This is the best performance

since November 1994. The drop follows buoyant figures on house prices and high street spending, released this week.

"Inflation remains low and earnings are steady," a Trea-sury spokesman said. "Everything looks good on the price front."

try, released today, confirms the lessening of price pres-sures. Twenty-seven per cent of the 1,000 firms contacted by the CBI said their prices had The only cloud for the Chancellor came from a pick-Chancellor came from a pick-up in the underlying rate of the 1,000 firms contacted by inflation — which strips out risen; 14 per cent reported would not act immediately.

mortgages — to 2.8 per cent in February, against 2.7 per cent the previous month. The rise set for six months. was caused by a jump in house prices, as well as up-

Companies are also upbeat about immediate prospects. ward pressure from dearer Forty per cent of the 1,000 food, toiletries, books and companies contacted by the newspapers. Although some dealers in the months to July, compared alsoppointed by the rise in the underlying rate, most City analysis agreed the fig-ures peinted a benign picture of the inflation outlook. Michael Saundert the financial markets were to just 16 per cent predicting a

Michael Saunders, chief economist at Salomon Brothers, said: "All the indi-fident about the short-term outlook. However, exports have weakened markedly and the confidence could be fragile," he said.

will trough near the 2 per cent mark." Businesses, whose exports to the US and Europe have suffered, hope the domestic market will pick up. Most ufacturing firms by the Con-federation of British Induscommentators said further rate cuts to boost the British

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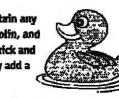
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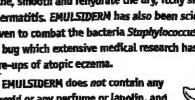
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Inquiry into disaster on Mull of Kintyre that killed 25 Ulster anti-terrorist experts contradicts Ministry of Defence

Chinook crash pilots 'not to blame'

Erlend Clouston and David Sharrock

IE two pilots in charge of an RAF Chinook helicopter which crashed with the loss of 29 lives should not be blamed for the disaster, a fatal accident in-quiry at Paisley Sheriff Court has concluded.

The report, due to be released this morning, has found it impossible to attribute responsibility for the accident in June, 1994, which wiped out 25 senior member: of the Northern Ireland antiterrorist forces.

The findings of the Sheriff. Sir Stephen Young, contradict the official Ministry of Defence investigation which had expressly pinned the catastrophic crash on the fog-bound Mull of Kintyre on errors by Flight-Lieutenants Jonathan Tapper and Richard

The neutral verdict of the 126-page report will be taken by the pilots' families as a vindication of the claim that they were made scapegoats by an RAF establishment unwill-ing to concede that the Chinook might have been at fault.

The initial RAF board of inquiry also failed to uncover evidence of "human failings". but a subsequent review by Air Vice-Marshal John Day and Air Chief Marshal Sir William Wratten decided, "regrettably", that Tapper and Cook had been negligent. The relatives of the 25 secu-

rity personnel who died in the RAF's worst peace time heli- | the accident was caused by |

The wreckage; Flight-Lieutenant Richard Cook, one of the pilots exonerated; and widows of some of the victims in Belfast yesterday when they voiced disquiet at the report encroseness. CHES EACEN and STEPHEN CAUSES "the decision of the crew to | husband. Stephen, was in | was not the fault of the pas- | few months before the crash, copter crash were said by overfly the Mull of Kintyre at MI5, said: "Dare I say it. I betheir lawyer, Aidan Canavan, selection for that purpose of mean it's a very hard thing to to be extremely disappointed at the inconclusive findings

the incorrect rate of climb". of the 18-day inquiry which many of them attended. After hearing evidence from, among others, the RAF, the Department of Transport, them any answers as to why the crash happened and how and the helicopter manufacturers, Boeing, the Sheriff similar tragedies could be said he was not satisfied that avoided in the future. Kathleen Rickard, whose

say but deep down that's what The families of the victims vented their anger on Sir Stephen for failing to offer angry with him." An RAF source insisted last night that it stood by its revised report. "We say we do know what happened. There was no mechanical failure. It

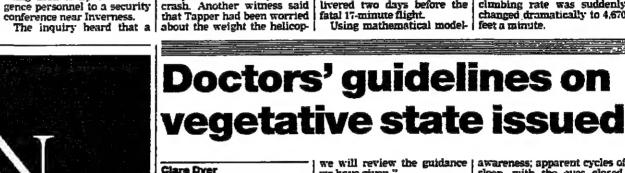
sengers. We think it was the pilots' fault." Sir Stephen, who sat without a technical assessor throughout the inquiry, ap-pears to have attached some weight to the reported prob lems with the Mark 2 model being used to fly the intelligence personnel to a security conference near Inverness.

test-flying of the twin-engined helicopter was suspended because of gremlins in the sophisticated engine control system.

A colleague of Cook, the co-pilot, testified that he had exits type to operate in Northpressed misgivings about the ern Ireland, and was only de-livered two days before the computer on the day of the

ter was being required to ling, based partly on the dis-carry. Boeing engineers calculated The Mark 2 that went down

with 10 RUC Special Branch that the aircraft had been officers, nine high-ranking travelling at 150 knots and members of army intelliclimbing at 1,000 feet a per cence, six MI5 agents and munute as it flew towards the four RAF crew was the first of 1,400-feet Benn na Lice on the Mull of Kintyre. About three seconds before impact the clumbing rate was suddenly changed dramatically to 4,670



Clare Dyer Legal Correspondent

EW guidelines to help doctors decide whether patients who seem to be in a vegetative state are beyond recovery were issued yesterday by the Royal Col-lege of Physicians.

symptoms". Patients can wake up from a coma but those in PVS — The guidelines are the first to give clinical details to define persistent vegetative such as the Hillsborough vicstate (PVS), but they may have to be reviewed following the case revealed in the

we will review the guidance awareness; apparent cycles of we have given." The guide, published in the and waking, with the eyes college's journal, is intended to help doctors distinguish beopen (in a coma the eyes remain closed); and normal tween PVS and other condi-tions such as brain stem breathing without need for a ventilator. PVS patients' death, coma or locked-in synbodies may move in a purdrome, some of which have "confusingly similar similar tients may appear to smile or grimace as a reflex actions.

Assessment should be post poned if there is any uncertainty. "The most important tim Tony Bland — are beyond recovery. Those with locked-in syndrome are paralysed and unable to speak but their role of the medical practitio-ner ... is to ensure that the patient is not sentient, and the views of nursing staff, rel-





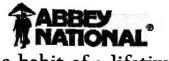
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tive for seven years who has started to communicate with hospital staff. Doctors had discussed withdrawing artifi-cial feeding and letting him die, but dropped the idea be-cause his wife opposed it. The new guidelines were recently endorsed by a confer-ence of the medical royal colbrain damage

Guardian last week of man di-

leges and were drawn up at the suggestion of the Lords select committee on medical ethics

David London, the college's registrar, said: "Our guidance is based on the best evidence available to us at the time. reactions and response When we have seen the clinical details of this recent case.

runction noi The guide says a vegetative state may be transient while a siderable importance and When PVS has been estabpatient is recovering from coma, or it can last until death. PVS should not be di-

lished 'further therapy is fu-tile," the guide says. The decision that the situaagnosed until the patient has been vegetative for at least a year after head injury, or six tion is hopeless should be communicated sensitively to months after other causes of relatives, who should be

given time to consider the im-The diagnosis should be plications, including a possmade independently by two doctors "experienced in as-sessing disturbances of conible court application to with draw artificial feeding. A decision to withdraw life

sciousness", who must ask hospital staff and relatives or sustaining medication may also need a court application, but decisions not to intervene carers about the patient's by resuscitation or prescrib-The main features to look ing antibiotics, are to be for are complete lack of taken by doctors.

Oxfam cuts jobs

and projects

to save £5.6m

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

OXFAM last night announced \$5.6 million

spending cuts and the likely loss of more than 50 jobs be-

cause of a fall-off in fund-

raising. The charity, which has

received almost 2500.000 from the National Lottery for its work in Britain, declined to blame the fall-off on the lot-

tery's counter-attraction to

It said in a statement: "We

have no evidence that the lot-

tery has had any significant impact — it is just one more

of many calls on people's dis-

charity included low con-sumer confidence hitting its

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in funding crisis

Terrorists lose satellite haven

Andrew Culf Media Correspondent

HE Government is to act to prevent terrorists and political organisations using Britain as a haven from which to beam their propaganda around the world by satellite television.

Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, announced the move to close a legal loophole which allows any organisation to make satellite broadcasts from Britain to non-European countries without a licence

It is understood the Home Office was concerned about rumours that Mohammed al-Mas'ari, the Saudi Arabian dissident who won his appeal against deportation from Britain to Dominica, was preparing to broadcast views criticising the Saudi regime to the Middle East.

The clampdown was also prompted by the Prime Minis-ter's attendance last week at an international conference in Egypt called to combat worldwide terrorism.

Under the terms of the proscription order, which will be laid before the House of Commons next week, the Independent Television Commission will have to licence any satellite service from Britain and beamed to non-European countries. The commission already licenses all satellite ser-vices broadcast in Britain and

Europe. Mrs Bottomley is also con-sidering whether to make it a support it," she said.

criminal offence to give false information when applying for a licence

She told a meeting of the Broadcasting Press Guild: 'We do not want Britain to be seen as place from where people can send out TV pro-grammes and terrorist mesof British broadcasting." Mrs Bottomley insisted the

Government was not respond-ing to specific attempts to exploit the loophole, but warned: "It would be likely to occur at some stage."

The move means foreign governments would be able to complain about services broadcast from Britain and the commission would be duty bound to investigate. The commission said it added coherence to existing regulatory powers. "We will monitor any new services for impartiality and consider any

high street shops and job uncertainty. In a clear reference to its middle class donor base, complaints received," a spokeswoman said. the statement also cited "de- Mrs Bottomley reiterated mands on people to pay for the Government's decision to health and education" examine the practicalities of

Oxfam's announcement mirrors the Save the Children Fund's decision to cut £9 mil-lion — or 10 per cent — of its budget. It, too, cited fund-raising problems and did not di-rectly blame the lottery.

seas emergencies.

The charity expects to fin-ish the 1995/96 financial year with a deficit of about £2.6 million

installing an electronic chip in television sets to protect children from screen violence. Officials from her department, broadcasters and regulators will attend a semihar on Tuesday at which the

V-chip (violence chip) tech-nology will be explained. "People are still very wor-

ried about the amount of vio-lence on television ... I en-dorse the spirit behind the

The cuts planned by Oxfam represent just over 5 per cent of overall budget but about 10

per cent of its general fund, excluding provision for over-





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There is no scientific evidence to suggest that children are more at risk from eating beef than adults. but I understand very well the concern that parents will have' John Major

What does one do in the circumstances? One cannot force the public into buying beef. Pure British beef is as safe as you can buy anywhere in the world' Bill Sabin, cattle farmer

'What we are losing from a few customers who don't really understand the situation, we are more than gaining from people coming here instead of to the supermarkets' Keith Mulford, London butcher



PANIC OVER BEEF 5

'It is an unreasonable decision. It's a disproportionate response and that raises very strong questions of illegality' Douglas Hogg, Agriculture Minister, on the French ban on British beef

Clearly there is concern. If the veterinary committee decides something must be done, the commission will react rapidly. It is only a problem in the UK and we should not overstate the extent of it? Gerry Kiely, European Union farm spokesman

'We've been telling customers that we are 100 per cent confident that the beef we use is safe' McDonald's spokeswoman

Buyers and sellers gather around the anction ring at Newport cattle market, Gwent, yesterday, as the beef industry resigned itself to its worst crisis Fears that all UK cattle will have to be slaughtered

Markets

Prices begin to fall as industry faces up to its greatest crisis

Owen Bowcott ATTLE prices across

Britain tumbled yes-terday as super-markets and export-ers cancelled contracts and the Government considered The multiple retailers and supermarkets have also been slaughtering every cow in the country.

Hardened by previous scares over BSE-infected meat, the beef industry neverreducing orders. It's going to have a severe knock-on effect on the whole of the industry, on the auctioneers, the ren-derers and the farmers." theless accepted that the latest alarm threatens to devas-tate business and undermine consumer confidence more thoroughly than ever before.

There are an estimated 450 abattoirs in Britain, employ-ing 15,000 people and process-ing 3.3 million cattle a year. Some layoffs were inevitable, The enormity of the crisis facing the cattle industry, which farms about 11 million Mr Scott said.

eradicate the disease. "If the porting every pint of milk? At advice of the Government's least leather might be cheap scientific experts is that such for a while." advice of the Government's scientific experts is that such

a measure is required to safe-guard public health, we would go along with it." said Prosper De Mulder, the largest animal feed producer in the UK, with 1,100 employees, claimed yesterday that the ban imposed on sales of bone meal to the cattle indusa National Farmers Union spokeswoman. The Federation of Fresh Meat Wholesalers, which represents the country's slaugh-terhouses, could only watch try would cost his company £600,000 a week.

"The Government will have to pay the cost," said the firm's managing director Gor-don Braide. "At 9am our custhe collapse. "There are seri-ous cancellations on orders already," said the organisatomers started ringing cancel tion's general secretary. Peter ling orders, saying that even "The French have been

if the delivery was on the way they would turn it back. In looking for an excuse to ban British beel for the past six weeks and the Germans have wanted to do so for 18 months. the present climate, that's quite reasonable. "What is going to happen to

all the bones from slaughter-houses when the rendering firms that go around collect ing them have no further use for them? You can't landfill untreated offal. It will have to be processed, and no doubt the raw blood that is sprinkled on crop land will shortly be banned

In West Country cattle markets prices dropped by up to £100 a bead when trading opened. Elsewhere farmers

Advisory

Key changes on scientific panel led to tighter controls

Christopher Elliott

RECENT changes in the make-up of the committee that advises the Government on BSE were crucial in leading to tighter controls over beef cattle, scientists said

yesterday. Five new members, includ ing a public health expert, have been appointed to the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (SEAC) since last December.

Critics of the Government's BSE policy said yesterday that the expert base of the committee was too narrow and should have had public health experts involved since its incertion in 1990.

Agriculture in the face of the | own laboratory has been enincreasing number of cases of CJD in humans and BSE in animals.

animals. Stephen Dealler, a consul-tant microbiologist, who has been researching BSE and possible links to CJD since 1968, said: "There's no vil-lainy in this; it's just stupid-ity. They simply didn't have public health people involved at the beginning." at the beginning." Will Patterson, a public

health consultant for the North Yorkshire health authority, who wrote a joint paper with Dr Dealler last year on the potential impact of BSE, said be thought it was regrettable that there was no public health expert on the committee from its start.

"Because this is a very new group of diseases one should really have consulted among a wider body of experts before coming to conclusions. "There were many other es-

perts in this country whose views were dissimilar from the SEAC and who were recommending strengthening of control procedures and nger enforcement. Indeed, alarm bells about this

own laboratory has been en-gaged in BSE research for five years; Ray Bradley, a veteri-nary pathologist and world expert on the disease; and John Collinge, a clinical neu-rologist and head of the prion disease group at St Mary's College hospital, London. Prions are the protein agents Abroad

French impose ban as EU concern and Prions are the protein agents implicated in the disease. The anger mount fifth is Peter Smith, an epide-miologist from the London

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School of Hygiene and Tropi-France Britain's biggest export mar-ket for beef yesterday de-fended its decision to ban fur-ther imports, despite European Commission confir-mation that the mouth mark cal Medicine. They joined eight other members of the committee, which is chaired by John Pat-tison, professor of medical microbiology and dean of Uni-versity College London Medi-cal School. The other existing memmation that the move was

illegal. The French agriculture The other existing mem-bers are: Rob Will, a consulminister, Philippe Vasseur, claimed he had based his ban tant neurologist and head of the national CJD surveillance on European directives. "This decision allows us to offer unit, Ingrid Allen, professor French consumers all the necof neuro pathology at Queen's essary guarantees in anticipe-University, Belfast; Fred tion of the full details of Euro Brown, deputy director of the Animal Virus Research Insti-tute; William Hueston, veteri-nary epidemeolist, United hold the third and the set of the States department of agricul-ture; Richard Kimberlin, con-sultant on scrapie and related France — which buys 110,000 tonnes of British beef a year — may be a rearguard action

Some German politicians went further, demanding a worldwide ban on British

worldwide ban on British beef exports. The European Commission should impose a "general ex-port halt for British beef", the government of the southern state of Bavaria declar<u>ed</u>, while the government of North-Rhine Westphalia, the biggest state, insisted that no British meat, no bones, and no live animals be imported from Britialn. from Britain.

- Ian Traynor in Bonn

Brussels Two British experts on BSE were summoned to a hastily

were summoned to a hashiy arranged meeting of Euro-pean agriculture officials in Brussels yesterday. Ray Bradley, chairman of the scientific and veterinary committee investigating the disease and Royin Tailor disease, and Kevin Taylor, the Ministry of Agriculture's assistant chief veterinary offi-car, passed on the British evi-dence and will attend a meeting of the European Commission's independent committee of scientific ex-

perts today. What action the EU will

to be decided on Monday at a

meeting of the standing veterinary committee of the com-mission, which could, theo-

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jointly by the Department of Health and the Ministry of

SEAC was established problem started ringing in ointly by the Department of 1968." diseases; David Pepper, pri-vate vet, and William Watson, former director of the Central

Mike Painter, a consultant in communicable disease control in Manchester, was the public health expert among the five new members appointed since December 14 last year.

The others were: Jeffrey Al-

nond, a virologist and profes-sor of microbiology at the University of Reading, whose standing of the science."

the committee related to the function of finding out how the disease was transmitted.

Veterinary Laboratory

A Department of Health

The scientist, who would not be named, said: "The French Academy of Medicine spokesman said last night: "The original composition of called earlier this year for France to apply the same rules as Britain on offal. "From June 1, 1995, France returned to importing British offal and the French were eating parts of animals which were banned in Britain. French government had ig-nored the academy's recom-

Germany

the last eight months, the French have been sating beef which was banned in Britain.

retically, announce an immediate ban on beef sales. Agriculture ministers may be summoned to Brussels for a special meeting next week if the crisis deepens. They are not formally due to meet again until the end of next month The European Commission,

which administers the EU's agriculture policy, reacted mendation. — Alex Duval Smith in Paris cautiously, insisting it would not be rushed into action, and that attempts to ban beef im-

Having accepted for six years the British case that there were no scientific links There was a demand yesterday for a sweeping ban across the European Union on British beef, animal products between mad cow disease and CJD, the commission is in similar difficulty to the Britused for manufacturing drugs and cosmetics, and animal ish Government in respondmeal, offal, and beef products. A joint statement from the agriculture and health minis-

ing to the change. Privately, however, senior officials were deeply critical of the British Government's tries followed a clamour for action from the national approach to the problem, scornfully recalling John farming lobby and from the biggest of Germany's 16 Gummer's attempt to feed his

states. The ministries said they were drafting a consumer protection plan for the EU after one of the states' agricul-ture ministers said the bombshell in the House of Commons on Wednesday had "confirmed our worst fears".

daughter a hamburger. The commission promised to intervene if beef prices in Britain slumped. Intervention funds would be triggered if there was a 16 to 20 per cent drop in current prices. — Stephen Bates in Brussels

declared he had stopped feed-ing his children beefburgers. The number of schools op-



Education Edward Pilkington

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tinghamshire, Surrey and

Clwyd all decided to impose bans, as did the cities of Bir-

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to be worse and far more ex-pensive than the salmonella

crisis," he said.

erating bans has risen to about 10,000 - about a third of the total — according to the Local Authorities Catering SCHOOLS and education authorities across the Association. "The picture is very fraught, particularly for primary schools where chilcountry decided yesterday to take beef off their menus. drep cannot be assumed able to make an informed choice More than a third of all on what they eat." schools are thought to be boycotting beef. Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Cleveland, Derby

The government announce-ment on Wednesday on the death of young people through CJD came hours be-fore the Association of Metropolitan Authorities had been due to release a statement declaring it safe to put beef back on school menus. The statement was withdrawn.



on home farms Interests David Hencke and Edward Pilkington TOP BRAND IM Boswell, junior min-ister at the Ministry of Agriculture, will have a personal interest in the scien-tific advice to his ministry on Monday on the slaughtering of Britain's entire cattle herd. For the fate of his 70 beef PRIC cattle will depend on what scientists recommend. If slaugh-Nicholas Budgen: predicts tering is ruled out, his future free market solution income will depend on the efforts of colleagues at the Ministry of Agriculture in persuading the public to con-tinue to eat beef. SUPE Mr Boswell is one of 32 MPs - 28 Conservatives, two Ul-ster Unionists, one Plaid Cymru, and one Labour --who declare ownership of 1212 farms in the parliamentary register of interests. Not all of them have beef or dairy herds, but even those without cattle were alarmed last night EXCILIC about their incomes from farming Mr Boswell, MP for Daventry and owner of Lower Avnho Grounds Farm, tries to be positive yesterday, but admitted he had rung round Tim Boswell: 'Neighbours depressed about advice' his neighbours who were "very depressed" about the Blackpool North and parliamentary private secretary to another farmer, Michael An-٤lQ £49.59 scientific advice received so far by the Government. "People don't realise that cram, the Northern Ireland BSE has been a problem for Minister, is the owner of Pardairy not beef herds. I have rox Hall, Lancashire, which PACKARD BELL includes tenant farmers with

never had a single case of BSE in my own herd." Nick Budgen, rightwing MP for Wolverhampton South West, who owns a farm in H SYCHISY Staffordshire, predicted a free <u>-</u> market solution: a two-tier market in which herds that had a history of BSE would be

ter, Sir Kenneth Carlisle, owns 800 acres in Bury St Edforced to charge a lower price. BSE-free herds should munds, Suffolk. He said it attract a premium. would be impossible to stop cattle rearing, as then there would be no milk. 'There's no Were that to be the case, he would be a beneficiary as the wher of a beef herd.

wher of a beef herd. need to panic, but we must Harold Elletson, MP for listen to scientific guidance."





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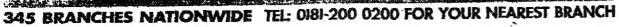
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University discriminated in favour of rich students

Christopher Reed In Los Angeles

ILE purporting to have an admis-sions policy discriminating in favour of blacks and female students, the University of California spent decades secretly admitting the poorly qualified children of the rich and powerful.

Exposure of the practice in a series of investigative reports in the Los Angeles Times has produced a scandal, with angry parents beginning to launch lawsuits.

Among those who sought favourable consideration for their own student offspring, or for those of relatives or friends at the Los Angeles campus, are Hollywood actresses Sally Field and Ellen

studio chief Jon Peters, music | nor (a Democrat); the former | entry, compared with le mogul Mo Ostin, and the nephew of the former oil minassembly speaker. Willie Brown, a Democrat and now stor of Saudi Arabia.

mayor of San Francisco; a Some conservative mem-bers of UC's board of regents, state senator; and at least five UC regents. One regent, lawyer and for-mer Republican state assemwho voted to abolish the university's positive discrimination policy last year. also sought backdoor admissions. blyman Bill Bagley, acknowledged that he wrote as many The abolition was initiated as 10 letters annually. One let ter last year brought the acby California's governor. Pete Wilson, as a vote-grabber to ceptance of a banker friend's daughter who had been earboost his now-moribund preslier rejected as unqualified. idential ambitions. Yet he too Asked if he was being fair made two unsuccessful

in seeking these privileges, Mr Bagley said: "Tell me where the rule book of life requests to UCLA and several more to other campuses

for friends and associates. ays you've got to be fair." In all, the newspaper inves The former Republican gov ernor, George Deukmejian, made eight requests to UCLA. tigation showed that 900 people had made more than His efforts secured the admis-sion of two students previ-2,000 "VTP student" requests ously rejected as academically unqualified. Other officials seeking favouritism were the since 1980 to the LA campus alone. A computer analysis of the requests found that 70 per state lieutenant-gover. | cent succeeded in gaining

rejection and another 75 went ahead of hundreds of rivals sho had better test scores. The charge that poorly qualified women and minorities were entering UC's nine campuses was the main accusation of opponents of affirmative action - a policy that suffered another blow this week when a federal court ruled it was ille gal as practised by the University of Texas.

than half for all undergradu ate hopefuls. More than 200

What is clear from the UC expose is that rich donors who keep the university go ing in an era of public defunding. expect to obtain favour-able admissions for students of their choice. Indeed, their requests were labelled as "special interest applications" by the admissions office, and treated differently,

Nato chief fails German media to sway Russia break sex taboo

European security by Mr.

tional superiority over us.

What are we supposed to do?" Mr Lukin was referring to

the possibility of Russian tac-

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Papandreou defies the odds to leave hospital

vember 20.

lames Week in Moscow

ESTERN foreign min-isters are gathering for a summit on Bosnia tomorrow in a Russian capital that still looks uncomfortably like hostile territory. A confidence-building trip by Javier Solana, the secretary-general of Nato, has failed to confrontation. se Russian fears of the alliance's planned expansion to

the east After what appears to have been a straight-talking ses-sion with President Boris Yeltsin, Mr Solana admitted: Nato," warned Vladimir Lu-kin, head of the Duma's foreign affairs committee and a As of today, the positions of the Russian authorities are the same as yesterday." member of the liberal Yabloko movement. "For instance, when we had

Mr Yeltsin did not commen on the meeting but had ear-lier promised that he would three times as much conventional weaponry as Nato. Nato deployed tactical nu-clear weapons near the borigher on Mr Solana than his foreign minister, Yevgeny ders of the Warsaw Pact. Now Nato has a threefold conven-Primakov, had been.

Mr Primakov's spokesman Grigory Karasin, said: "The position of Russia remains unchangeable — we are against the expansion of Nato to the east. The issue here is not Russia's stubborness, but her national interests."

tical nuclear weapons being moved west to places like Bie-larus, Moscow's only uncon-Mr Karasin said the issue would be one of the main top-ics of discussion today with Warren Christopher, the United States secretary of

lan Traynor in Christopher in Prague on Wednesday suggests the state department is resigned to a Berlin reports on the less co-operative Russia whataffair that triggered ever the outcome of the June elections. At the same time, an end to notions of

moderate Russian politicians are concerned that the dia-logue of the deaf between Nato and Moscow is contraditional discretion ERMANY'S opposi-

demning Europe to years of Tion Social Democrats may have fared mis-"All security questions can be resolved either in close co-operation with Nato, by tak-ing joint decisions, or without erably at the ballot box this past decade, but when it comes to philandering, the

male opposition leadership pushes the male-dominated ranks of Helmut Kohl's government into second Willy Brandt, the late

Social Democrat chancellor, was thrice married and noted womaniser. Oskar Lafontaine, the current SPD leader, is also on his third marriage. And Ger-hard Schroeder, the SPD's sole hope for ousting Mr Kohl from the chancellery. was recently thrown out of his house by his third wife, Hiltrud, after allegedly confessing to an affair with a magazine journalist 19

years his junior. What distinguishes the reputable Forsa polling in-Schroeder affair from those stitute, says the media inof his peers and predeceswestern enclave of Kalinintrusiveness could backfire. Forsa poll this island surrounded by Nato if denly the German media found that nine out of 10 all the current applicants to have abandoned traditional the alliance become members. notions of discretion. Germans had little or no interest in the private lives of politicians. Only 18 per "I can't think of any pri-Russia's root objection is not so much to Nato's expansion as to its existence after the vate story that has received cent thought reports on their lifestyles affected such coverage as the Schroeder case." said a media analyst at the Gerend of the cold war. Nothing judgment of politicians, unites Nato's diverse memwhile 83 per cent had not changed their views about bers. Moscow argues. except man Society for Communications Studies. "This is completely new here." The leading tabloid, Bild-Mr Schroeder. The rhetoric over Nato con-Despite the sensationalist coverage, there is little evitrasts oddly with military codence that he has wrecked his career. "Nobody is now saying Schroeder can't be chancellor." said Mr Goellner. "If he's a good zeitung, opened the flood-gates to prurient reporting as soon as Mr Schroeder, prime minister of the central state of Lower Saxony, chancellor, he's a good chancellor, that's that, even if he's a bad husband." was kicked out of the mari-tal home near Hanover. "Schroeder Marriage Ka-putt," ran the headline,

prefacing several days of front-page colour photo-graphs of the parties, and of Mr Schroeder and his lover canoodling on a recent trip to Norway. Even the quality pre jumped on the tabloid bandwagon, dressing up its coverage with politically pertinent questions, such as whether the power-

hungry politician's career would survive. Bela Anda, Bildzeitung's chief reporter and the journalist who held exclusive interviews with Hiltrud Schroeder, agrees that German media ethics are changing when it comes to the affairs of the great and the good

"Even so, we're pretty discreet," he said. "Everyone knew about Schroede and his girlfriend in Norway. It was only when the Hanover government put out a statement that the marriage was over that we wrote about it."

One media analyst attributes the new obsession with politicians' private lives to fierce circulation battles. But Manfred Goellner, director of the



were admitted after initial

The Guardian Friday March 27 1985

Leap year ... A Kurdish woman jumps over burning tyres in Istanbul yesterday to celebrate the Kurdish new year. 5.600 Kurds attended peaceful Nowrouz festivities in the city

Children's lingering trauma

Hwandan society will take generations the country. I went to Swit-They have been gamed by to recover from the horror of zerland and Belgium and separate prisos from trectara recruited three Rwandese overcrowded ones holding the who formed the nucleus of a genocide, Victoria Brittain reports 67,000 adults amosting trial on genocide charges who have with them 1,8% children training programme." she said. the child's father being In six months, 6,000 teachmostly bubbes and beidlers RAUMA among children in Rwanda after the genocide two years ago is hacked to death, their home burned, the child hiding ers, health workers, religious leaders, orphanage staff and others were trained to tackle with their mothers "The perpetrators of the genocide are all traumatised so deep it will be decades, if under a heap of dead bodies. not generations, before the society recovers. Dr Leila "These children have smelled bodies rotting, felt trauma by encouraging its ex-pression through drawings, too, but they of course depy everything - they are no Gupta of Unicef said yesterday, appealing for international at-tention to be refocused on the dead flesh, seen scenes of vio-lence and have a tremendous story-telling or role-playing. like the survivors, liber, to For the most traumatised children and families, an outtalk." Dr Gupta said. Genocide triais a need to talk all this out in country's plight. Some 95 per cent of chil-dren interviewed for a coun-trywide study had witnessed violence and killing, 80 per their own language and in their own community," she patients clinic has been set up at the National Trauma Cengreatest need in Ramida today, according to Dr Gupta. But international funding for at the National Trauma Cen-tre in Kigali. The clinic is open only three days a week because the psychological burden on Dr Gupta's own staff is so insaid the judiciary has not come, and even the international Dr Gupta, a specialist in grief and trauma, went to cent had lost family members and more than a third had Rwanda immediately after the three months of killings tribunal in Arusha has been extremely slow in getting m-dictments No one has yet seen other children take part in killings, Dr Gupta said. Drawings and stories proin 1994 and worked as a voltense that a five-day week of counselling would, she says, be unmanageable. Unicef staff return to Kigali monthly for two-day debriefing sessions to help them cope with stress. One of the most difficult groups for the trauma team to deal with is the 200 young in the transmission of the staff two-day debriefing sessions to help them cope with stress. One of the most difficult groups for the trauma team to deal with is the 200 young in the transmission of the staff two-day debriefing sessions to help them cope with stress. One of the most difficult groups for the trauma team to deal with is the 200 young in the transmission of the staff to show people that the cul-ture of impunity which has ruled since 1959 has come to an end." Dr Gupta staff. unteer for the new govern-ment, overwhelmed by unbrawings and stories pro-duced by the children many months after the genocide still show in graphic detail scenes such as the child's pregnant mother being dis-embowelled with a machete, ment. Overwheined by an meetable needs and swamped with offers of inappropriate Western psychiatric care. "There was not an adult in the country who was not traumatised, and not one Rwan-

Russia is aware there is little it immediately can do to prevent the alliance's move eastwards. "Russia cannot block the expansion of Nato with anything except rheto-ric," said Vladimir Todres, a commentator with Sevodnya newspaper. Despite the efforts of Rushostility to Russia. sia's communists and nation

alists to pin the blame for Na-to's plans on Mr Yeltsin, who operation between Russia and five years ago suggested Rus-sia should be a member, the the alliance in areas such as Bosnia peacekeeping. Yesterday saw the first issue remains a minor one in the presidential election camflight of a small jet designed to train Russian pilots, but which could be used in compaim compared to domestic miseries and relations with tussia's "near abroad". bat. The engines and avionics Indeed, a speech on east were made in France. Russia's "near abroad".

Helena Smith in Athens

COLLOWERS wept and

T threw flowers yesterday as a frail Andreas Papandreou.

Greece's former prime minis-ter, tottered out of hospital

after a four-month battle for life. "I leave here with love."

said Mr Papandreou. aged 77, before being driven to his villa on the outskirts of Athens.

willingly given him every-thing, including their organs,

in order for him to survive," said Giorgos Kotaris, a far-

tory worker, wiping the tears from his eyes.

Everyone here would have

The Pasok leader's exit from the hospital, with his controversial wife, Mimi, at his side, crowns a career marked by his ability to over-Mr Papandreou waved fee-bly from the rear seat, where he leaned back, expression-less. He held in one hand the life-support tubes which still protrude from his body and will be hooked into machines come seemingly overwhelm-ing political and physical at his home. "Even we have been sur-The Socialist leader had not

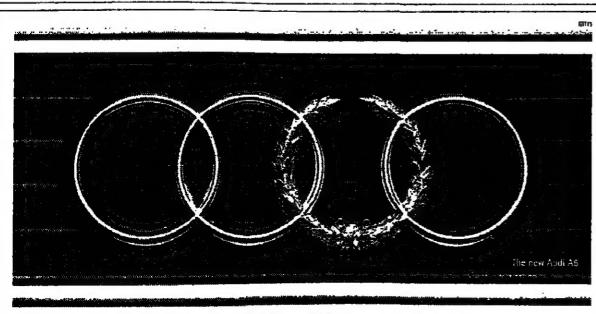
been seen in public since he was rushed into intensive prised by his determination to go on living." said Stefanos care with pneumonia on No-Geroulanos, one of Mr Papandreou's 25-strong team of Attached to life support madoctors. chines for much of his stay at the clinic, he was initially In January, as doctors held out little hope for his life, Mr

given a 3 per cent chance of surviving an array of acute respiratory, heart and kidney problems. Papandreou stepped down as prime minister in favour of fellow socialist Costas Simitis.

Great survivor: Supporter

threw flowers as be passed

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Poles demand | cluded 537 acts of recorded cut in crime

About 30,000 demonstrators marched in silence through Warsaw yesterday to demand capital punishment in Ameri-ca's third largest state, the New York governor, George Pataki, yesterday removed a senior prosecutor who had refused to seek the death perdemonstration in a month after robbers shot dead a stu dent earlier this week, writes Sanchia Berg in Warsaw. alty for the alleged killer of a police officer, Ian Katz in New Violent crime has increased sharply in Poland since the

and of communist rule. Police After a week long standoff said that in 1990 there were 92 between the two men that ig-nited a rare public debate on incidents involving weapons but last year there were 1,467. the morality of capital pun-ishment, Governor Pataki **Racism grows** yesterday dismissed the A report to the French prime Bronx district attorney. Rob-ert Johnson, from the case. minister's office this week de

scribes as "very worrying" a handing it over to the state's sharp increase in racial attorney-general. attacks last year - which in-

racial or anti-Semitic violence compared to 321 the year be fore, and seven murders. writes Paul Webster in Paris.

Aid workers held Five United Nations aid work ers including a Briton were kidnapped yesterday at Balli-dogle airport, south-west of Somalia's capital, Mogadishu, as they prepared to leave the war-torn country, a UN offi-cial said. - AP.

Hope for Prussia A court in Potsdam yesterday

paved the way for the creation of a new state in Germany's historic heartland of Prussia - pending a referendum — by rejecting an appeal against a proposed merger of Berlin and the surrounding state of Brandenburg. - Reuter.

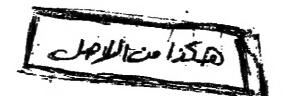
World 'on verge of water crisis

An international confercluded that the world must act soon to avert a water crisis. a senior United Nations official said. Some 80 countries and

40 per cent of the world's people are experiencing "water stress". Dr Wally N'Dow said in an interview at the end of the conference.

The world water supply was expected to be seriously stretched within 15 to 20 years, he said, adding that the danger of war over scarce water hung not just over the Middle East but over other areas. - Reuter.

This is not some frilly-shirted strut-strut affair with a carnation clenched between the teeth, but an extraordinary blend of gypsy dancing, jazz, blues and classical ballet. His feet hammer the floor with the intensity of a woodpecker; as he pirouettes, the sweat spins off in silver showers and the audience longs to be soaked with it.



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Andrew Higgins in Taipei reports on the undermining of traditional Chinese values in tomorrow's presidential vote Come

Taiwan challenges Confucius

clean, Patten urges

Peter Humphrey in Hong Kong

HRIS PATTEN, the gov ernor of Hong Kong. threw down the gauntlet to China yesterday, saying it intends to "tear out the roots of democracy" in the

British colony when it is handed back to Beijing next

For the second consecutive day, he challenged Beijing to come clean on whether it would allow democratically elected politicians in Hong Kong after it takes over the

territory on July 1, 1997. China has said Hong Kong politicians opposed to its plans after 1997 will not be in-cluded in a future legislature.

Mr Patten also challenged (group of MPs who enjoy Beij-

ing's favour and serve on a 1997 handover preparatory committee picked by China to

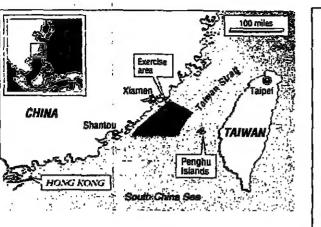
support Hong Kong's elected

"I think if the preparatory committee and Chinese offi-

cials insist on tearing out the roots of democracy in Hong

Kong, they will have to justify

egislature.



NSIDE the vermilion walls of Taipei's Confu-cian Temple, the artful serenity of an ornamen-tal garden dotted with racy and we can practise debamboo and palm has been disrupted by the cacophony of democracy, Instead of silence and calm, values traditionally associated with China's ancient sage, there is the din of rival loudspeaker vans on the

street outside. As Taiwan prepares to hold its first democratic presidential election tomorrow, it is this raucous dissonance amplified by military bombast from mainland China, and the hoop-la of two United States aircraft-carrier battle groups preparing to rendez-vous in the South China Sea - that gives the poll a signifi-cance far beyond a small, albeit very rich, island of

21 million people. President Lee Teng-hui, almost certain to win from a field of four candidates, pre-sents the vote as the first time in 4,000 years that the leader of a Chinese state has been elected. "Since the beginning of Chinese history this is the greatest year," he said.

Hyperbole aside, tomorrow's vote challenges what are often held to be the funda-

'We can practise democracy. It is not an import from the West. It is not something made in America'

mocracy. Democracy is not an import from the West. It is not something made in America." This example has been particularly unnerving for the Communist Party in Beijing, which no longer seeks legiti-macy in ideology, but in its role as guardian of Chinese nationalism and values. "What is happening here is

silent revolution. Power that came from above now comes from below," said Gottfried-Karl Kindermann of the Centre for International Politics in Munich. "A great number of sinologists state that the national character of the Chinese people will never allow a genuine democratic system. What is happening in Taiwan is the counter proof. By electing its own leader Taiwan also affirms its separation from the mainland, giving full voice to the is-

land's 80 per cent native Taiwanese majority. The presi-dent was previously chosen indirectly by a national assembly dominated by main anders who fled with Chiang Kai-shek to Taiwan in 1949 and still claimed to represent

constituencies in China. This shift has marginalised and enraged many veterans of

President Lee's Kuomintang (KMT) or Nationalist Party. "This is a degradation of de-mocracy," sniffed Wei Yung, a former head of the KMT party school, an ideological boot-camp for budding

Opinion polls are banned during the final stage of the campaign, but most experts believe that China's sabre-rattling and the dire warnings of Taiwanese traditionalists

PILLORIED by Beijing as a sweet-talking chame-leon, a sinner and a traitor Lee mocked the "weird cated during Tokyo's 50-brains" of leaders in Beij-ing, He earlier said they had embodies the forces that whose treachery has dis-qualified him from the Chiheads filled with concrete. More insulting than the nese race, President Lee sentiments was the fact he Teng-hui can can give al-most as good as he gets. expressed them in a mix of Taiwanese and Japanese. At one election rally, Mr Born in Taiwan and edu-

For its first six decades in ower, first in China and then In Taiwan after 1949, the KMT was a typical display of the was a near replica of the Com-man and the party's lingering power and power, first in China and then in Taiwan after 1949, the KMT was a near replica of the Communist Party - Leninist in privilege.

have created a separate real question is whether Mr Taiwanese identity. lee, a former agricultural economist, will get over 50 per cent of the vote. His near-certain victory in tomorrow's presidential poll will climax a personal drive to stamp his own able in Taiwanese dialect

Security headsche . . . Under heavy protection, President Lee feels the strain as he rides on a campaign truck in Taipei yesterday photograph: VINCENT VI

Beijing minds Mr Lee's language – especially when it is local dialect or Japanese

The only overtly pro-inde- | tional supporters may vote | not running in Beijing, Jiang pendence candidate, the Dem- | for President Lee. They share | Zemin [China's president] is ocratic Progressive Party's Peng Ming-min, is not expected to do well. A sign of his independence.

for President Lee. They share China's view of him as a closet advocate of it is self-evident that we are China's view of him as a closet advocate of separate nations. After the

Chinese society. The only

He is far more comfort-

franca. He told a Japanese

journalist that he often felt Japanese and saw the Chi-

nese Knomintang regime that took over Taiwan at the end of the second world

war as an alien intrusion.

Knomintang regime

The governor poured scorn

that to the people of Hong Kong, and they will have to justify it beyond [Hong Kong] as well." he said. "I think the view in the community is that there is only one purpose which Chi-nese officials are seeking. That is to exclude from the legislature some of the politicians in Hong Kong who most clearly represent the majority view of Hong Kong." This was a reference to democrats who won up to 70 per cent of the vote in elections last year. Mr Patten's statement was

the latest salvo in a war of words between London and Beijing over details of Hong Kong's handover. Relations have soured in disputes over issues ranging from citizen ship and human rights to bud-

ship and numan rights to buo-get spending. China, which has expressed a strong loathing for Mr Pat-ten, has vowed to scrap the legislative council (Legco) when it takes over, even though it has promised Hong Kong autonomy.

Kong autonomy. Mr Patten has reinforced remarks by the Prime Minis-ter, John Major, on a visit two weeks ago that "Hong Kong will never walk alons".

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mental precepts of Chinese society, an affront that has in-furiated Beijing and befuddled champions of supposedly Confucian Asian values. "There is nothing in Confu-

cianism that is against democracy. Asian leaders try to use Confucius to justify their own authoritarian systems," said Parris Chang, head of the Taiwan Institute for Political, Economic and Strategic Stud-"We have shown Lee Kuan-yew [Singapore senior minister] and all the others wrong. You can see with your Shui-teh own eyes that we want democ- general.

structure and ruthlessly intol have helped President Lee, erant of dissent. It retains some of its old traits. It still effectively controls Taiwan's the candidate Beijing most wanted to hurt. Two candithree main television chan-nels, though its monopoly has been broken by a plethora of dates who favour a more conciliatory approach towards China, former KMT stalwart Lin Yang-kang and Buddhist Chen Li-an, have had to spend independent cable stations. It runs a well-funded but increasingly fractious party much of the campaign deny-

ing that they favour rapid reunification. machine. When President Lee, who is "The Chinese communists also the KMT chairman, are afraid that if elections are made a campaign visit to the completed smoothly in Tai-Penghu islands, local authorities bused in civil servants and peasants to wave flags and cheer. Mr Lee gave one speech in a ball run by the KMT youth league and then wan, people on the mainland may one day ask for the same thing themselves," said Hsu Shui-teh, the KMT secretary-

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But even the victims of pas KMT persecution hail tomorrow's election as free and ba-sically fair, which will complete a process of political reform begun with the lifting of martial law in 1987.

"There are four Chinese societies in the world," said Lu Hsiu-lien, a former opposi tion MP who spent six years in jail for supporting Taiwan ese independence. "Hong Kong has freedom but no democracy. Singapore has de-mocracy but very limited freedom. Mainland China has neither freedom nor democ-racy. Only Taiwan can now enjoy both."

The mission, being sent at Nigeria's request, will also

study the government's

pledge to restore democracy In December the General As

sembly condemned the executions as "arbitrary" and the

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udicial process "flawed". - Reuter.

Guatemalan truce

In a big breakthough towards

ending Guatemala's 35-year civil war, the leftwing Guate-

malan National Revolu-tionary Unity guerrilla

organisation announced a ceasefire on Wednesday, and

President Alvaro Arzu told the army to halt its counter-insurgency. — Reuter.

The United States House of Representatives voted on

Wednesday to allow states to

deny schooling to children of illegal aliens and to block fed-

eral welfare benefits for US-

born children of illegal

Relativity values

Albert Einstein's first, auto-

graphed manuscript on the theory of relativity has been

sold privately for an undisclosed sum and will be donated to the the Israel Mu-

seum in Jerusalem, Sotheby's said. -- Reuter.

School's out

aliens. -- Reuter.

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collapsing campaign are alle-The reality is that Taiwan | election de facto indepengations of an assassination is already independent. This dence becomes de jure inde-plot masterminded by Beij- election will formalise it," pendence. That is why they ing Many of his party's tradi- said Ms Lu. "Lee Teng-hui is are so frightened in Beijing."

on China's argume it that the directly-elected Legco breached a Sino-British handover treaty. --- Reuter.

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Nappy clash A Zimbabwe provincial gov-ernor, speaking at a seminar of female managers, warned married men against washing napples and cooking in the name of equality, saying that performing such "women's" chores had led many men to divorce. - Reuter.



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Ulster reverts to type

Northern Irish politics slip back into bad old ways

FOR once on Northern Ireland it was | Westminster-style elections but whose the Paisleyite Democratic Unionists participation is universally deemed to away to draw up election proposals for the Northern Ireland peace negotiations that would be "broadly acceptused by the Prime Minister in an optimistic moment a month ago), Mr Major yesterday produced plans which, as the DUP's Peter Robinson pointed out, pulled off the notable achievement of not just that. As well as being unacceptable, as a notably bad-tempered and suspicious series of exchanges in the Commons underlined, the proposals for the May 30 poll managed to be very nearly incomprehensible to all as well. No wonder that one staunchly unionist backbench Conservative shouted impatiently for the Northern Irish to be themselves? given their independence. For the di-sastrous end of the IRA ceasefire has inevitably encouraged Northern Irish politicians to slip into their comfortable old pre-ceasefire clothes. Yesterday was one of those days when Ulster politics revert to type and remind you that all the wishful thinking in the world will not make ancient suspicions go away, especially when the immanent risk of bombing has returned.

The Paisleyites and the SDLP wanted the election on a single list system throughout the whole of Northern Ireland; but what they have got is a list system in each of the 18 Ulster parlia-mentary constituencies and a top-up of 20 extra members to make sure that small parties do not miss out. The Ulster Unionists wanted five members elected on single transferable vote in | each seat; but they have lost on STV top-ups too. The SDLP wanted a referendum on peace: they didn't get that decommissioning of arms among them. either. The small loyalist parties, who It is a frustrating uphill task, but it is a do not command enough votes to win worthwhile one all the same.

who got it right yesterday. Having gone | be crucial, are being given the smallest available stake in the process. Sinn Fein, the ghost at this cold feast, is opposed to the elections in any case, so able" to all the parties (the phrase was there is nothing in this for them. The proposals were a reminder that every move forward in the peace process has to be chiselled out in the utmost detail but that, even then, it is not safe. That happened when the Mitchell Report being broadly unacceptable to all. And was launched in January. The tone of the SDLP's response to yesterday's announcement — remember that they were opposed to elections in the first place — suggests it could happen again this time. Might it not have been better to lock all the Northern Ireland parties in a room and refused to let them come out until they had struck a deal

And yet the real question for all the parties — as the government clearly calculates - is whether they have any alternative but to go ahead with the elections even in the form proposed by the Government. Paddy Ashdown rightly dubbed the scheme a dog's breakfast, but in the end this may not really matter. These elections are essentially a device and nothing more. They are a tactic for securing Ulster Unionist consent to the next stage in the peace process. That was why they were conceded by Mr Major in the first place, and in the interim the Unionists have ratcheted up their price still further, as yesterday showed. Yet in the end, they are still a contrivance. The object of the whole ponderous exercise is to get all the Northern Ireland parties round a table to talk about the country's constitutional future. That goal is still a long and are being asked to accept lists and way off and there are still big issues to overcome — Sinn Fein's role and the



Ministers are hiding behind the confused opinion of experts

WHO are the true victims: consumers | would pay the same attention to social or farmers? No one knows but day two of the new era — since ministers con-ceded on Wednesday that mad cow Prof Pattison concedes the Lacey proph-



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Letters to the Editor Mr Dorrell's bad science ... albeit in a government that takes science seriously

HE PRIME Minister may be quite right to say that there is 'no scientific evidence that BSE can be transmitted to humans". But it is an unhelpful state ment that betrays his igno-rance of the nature of science. The possibility that BSE can be transmitted to humans is a plausible hypothesis that stands until proven otherwise.

Science has apparently pro-vided no proof that BSE may be, or has been, passed on to humans, nor has it provided proof that it cannot be. What science does appear to have done is to have provided some evidence that is consistent with the hypothesis - that the incidence of cases of CJD

is consistent with the possi-bility of CJD being linked to BSE, coupled with the view that the link is the most likely cause of those cases. Stephen Dorrell goes on to misunderstand the role of science, which is to state what facts are known and what the possibilities and probabilities are, as far as it is able. This appears to be precisely what the SEAC has done. It is a matter of value judgment whether those facts lead to an acceptable risk.

That judgment is not for the cientist per se; it can only be

and make a judgment based, among other things, on the precautionary principle. As Agriculture Minister, John Gummer conspicuously failed to apply this principle and in to apply this principle and, in doing so, has carried out an experiment on the British people which may prove ex-tremely costly. In days when honour was a word that politi-cians cared about, he would have resigned. (Dr) Richard Lawson. Green Party Health Speaker, The Old School House, Station Road, Congresbury, Avon BS19 5DX.

WHY does the Govern-ment believe that it is only the spinal cord and the brain which are affected by BSE? Have they been advised that the nervous tissue changes radically as it leaves the spinal cord?

If it doesn't, then the risk extends, as the nerve fibres do, through the flesh. If eating any part of the flesh is eating potentially infected nervous tissue, we should be told.

was small, it failed to compen-

sate farmers fully for infected animals, it wrongly advised us

all as to the likely extent of the

problem. Until we have a bet

ter answer, don't eat beef.

(Prof) Peter Gardiner.

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with dementia.

man.

This Government has let down the farmers, as much as the public. It changed the safety rules on rendering, it failed to act when the problem London SW12.

THE responsibility of gov-gather the best facts available and make a judgment based, among other things, on the precautionary principle. As Agriculture Minister, John Gummer conspicuously failed to apply this principle and, in doing so, has carried out an experiment on the British people which may prove ex-tremely costly. In days when

advised not to use systemic insecticides on my vegetables in order to avoid harming myself, yet farmers were apparently told they had to dose their cattle with such tosic materials. Stephen N Gourlay. Senior Lecturer.

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DEFINITELY a classic of the genre. A junior Scot-tish (Scott-ish?) minister, the Earl of Lindsay, admits that some BSE-infected cattle may not have been destroyed in the late 1980s because of the Gov-ernment's refusal to compensate farmers for destroying them: "We possibly unwit-tingly allowed the temptation that some farmers may have

succumbed to." Maurice Geller.

Michael Howard?

Paul Maguire.

181 Main Street,

across the importance of science, engineering and tech-

As Adam Ingram knows full well, the reduction in the Department of Trade and In-dustry's net R&D expenditure figures is due to the withdrawal from the fast-breeder reactor programme and the very significant receipts ob-tained under the Launch Aid programme. These are special features and have no implication for the future size of the Office of Science and Technol-

ogy's science budget. The lat-Technology, ter now stands about 30 per cent above its value in 1978-80, on a like-for-like basis. The Public Expenditure London SWLA 0ET.

Keep voting in proportion

T IS a great pity that Adam ; Settlement for the science Ingram MP chose Science budget announced last No-Engineering and Technology vember showed that it was in (SET) Week to attack the Gov-safe hands, and we have ernment's record on support worked together with the ing our SET base (Letters, education departments to March 18). SET Week is not a make better use of the glossy PR exercise, but one on resources available for main which I believed we had all-party support for putting structure in the universities I recognise the importance of this if we are to continue to

to play in promoting a call ture of research. innovation and training. Scientists, engi-neers and technologists should have a higher status in our society if we are confi-

Ian Taylor MP. Minister for Science and Department of Trade and Industry.

PETER HAIN (Letters. March 20) is wrong in say-Fcant part of Hugo Yaung's

nology to the general public encourage excellent research and to industry. It is fun with a serious purpose. universities.

SET Week has a vital role dently to face the competitive challenges ahead. Industry should value them more highly

disease might be transmitted to humans - produced dire forecasts for both groups. Professor Richard Lacey, a leading microbiologist who was among the first to raise the alarm over infected cattle, talked in biblical numbers: perhaps as many as 500,000 people a year becoming infected by the human form of the disease, CJD (Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease). Professor John Pattison, the chairman of the government's panel of independent specialists, conceded that Dr Lacey's predictions could not be ruled out. At its extreme, the threat could reach "large epidemic numbers". At the other end of the food chain, farmers learned ministers were ready to order the slaughter of the national herd (all 12 million cattle) to eradicate BSE but its scientific advisers have so far concluded this is not necessary.

Faced by such intimidating predictions, ministers for once hid behind the experts. After a decade denying any link between BSE and CJD and pouring scorn on scientists, ministers woke yesterday to the sourest of headlines from even their friends: "Can we still trust them" asked the Daily Express. Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, insisted his opinion was worthless. It was scientists who had to be heeded. not politicians: "I have not got a scien- | air. It is transmitted maternally or by tific opinion worth listening to." (If cattle feed. Eliminating the national only his colleague at the Home Office | herd is unncessary.

Prof Pattison concedes the Lacey prophmade by the individual conecy could be true but does not expect it. sumer or as advised by government. The Government is Moreover, he believes eating beef is not giving that advice. Mr now safe following the extra safeguards Dorrell's statements add up to announced this week. little more than "not us, guv"

What should consumers do? The only thing they can do is wait. The biggest threat is not existing beef but the meat consumed before the 1989 restrictions on beef offal were imposed. Criminally, even after ministers belatedly banned beef offal from animal feed in July, 1988, they waited another 15 months before banning it from the human food chain on the grounds that animal diseases could not be transmitted to humans. So for a further unnecessary 15 months, brains and the spinal chord of cows - the offal parts which harbour the BSE disease - were minced with other beef parts for cheaper forms of burger, pies and sausage rolls. Predictably, the poor who bought a far bigger proportion of these cheaper products, will be most at risk. Nothing much can be done now for these people except maintain a rigorous watch for symptoms. France and Belgium stopped British beef imports yesterday and Germany called for a European-wide ban. But a nationwide slaughter will not follow. Unlike foot and mouth disease, BSE is not spread by birds, footwear or

living standards, but it is available on

request. It shows that while typical

workers had a real wage cut of 2.0 per

only 0.25 per cent. Since, thanks to the

without frightening the horses. If there

isn't a consumer recovery this year, it

An end to the feelbad factor?

There may even be a modest consumer recovery on its way

WHISPER it quietly but the inflation | year when this started showing falls in figures may be better than they look from the Government's angle. It's too early to be replaying videos of Return of the Feelgood Factor — but the feelbad cent back in September, that gap is now factor may be waning. Prices are either Budget, taxes will fall by over £3 billion rising or falling depending on which next month (compared with a £1 billion index you look at. Either way the Government won't be displeased. The offirise last year) average employees may cial RPI fell from 2.9 per cent to 2.7 per see living standards rise. This may tempt them to spend some of this year's cent in the year to February reflecting lower petrol and mortgage interest extra-budgetary largesse (electricity rates, and leaving Britain's beleaguered rebates, maturing Tessas, windfall building, society gains etc). Since even borrowers with more money to spend. the Chancellor's monetarist advisers The other index (excluding mortgage are giving him contradictory advice interest) rose from 2.8 per cent to 2.9 per cent. But since a key reason was rising (doves like Patrick Minford think interest rates should be cut by two percenthouse prices — the soul of the feelgood age points but hawks want higher rates factor --- there won't be tears in Central to fight monetary growth) the way is Office. clear to lop more off interest rates

More interestingly, the fall in real incomes for those in employment may be ending. The Government stopped publishing the Tax and Price index last | won't be through lack of trying.

one convincing argument for the public to be allowed to keep guns in their homes". In Switzerland, every male of military age is *compelled* by law to keep an automatic rifle (of the kind outlawed in the UK after Hungerford) plus 200 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition in their house. While recognising that the placid, thrifty and bourgeols Swiss will not be high on the approval list of those who contribute to the Guardian letters page, could any of your correspondents have a shot at a "convincing argument" as to why that country has the lowest homicide rate in Europe? (Rt Hon) Alan Clark. Saltwood Castle, Kent CT21 4QU.

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Bullet proof

DJ SKILLMAN (Letters March 20) "has not heard

THE controversy over the proposed Cambridge pro-fessorship named after the former chair of the tobacco giant BAT Industries (March 21) can be easily resolved. The university should insist it be called the Sir Patrick Sheehy Professorship of Cancer Pre vention, supported by a gen-erous endowment from BAT. Donald Reid. **Chief Executive** Association for Public Health, Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London WC1H 9TX. T was not Ahmadnagar Fort whence Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru was released in 1944 (A long, torrid journey without maps, Outlook, March 9). It was the jail in Almora, a

pleasantly cool district headquartes in the Himalayan foothills. And it was I who served his release warrant on the jail superintendent. A G Evans. Quinta Da Granja, Miranda Do Corvo, Portugal. Letters to the Editor may be faxed on 0171 837 4530 or sent

by post to 119 Farringdon Road. London EC1R 3ER, and by email to lettersigguardian.co.uk. We may edit them: shorter one: are more likely to appear.

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Don't mess with Mahler

WISIC is constantly trivi-alised; great works are pulled apart and used as ad-verts, signature tunes and, worst of all, Muzak. When try, they will have missed one of life's joys. Certainly ex-cerpts reduced to jingles will Deutsche Grammophon plans a CD of the adagios from Mah-

R J Langdon. Greenham Croft, Greenham Common South, ler's symphonies, the motivation is commercial, not educa-tional as suggested in your leader (Claudio Abbado's clas-Newbury, Berkshire RG20 4HT. sical weepies, March 20).

Forgotten friends in the north

BBC production, Our Friends In The North, I spent heimer's Research Trust (GJ Livanos House, Granhams Road, Cambridge CB2 5LQ). role as an Alzheimer's suf-ferer by visiting my local nursing home for patients The trust is currently raising funds to complete Europe's first multi-disciplinary arch centre, solely dedicated to finding a treatment

This moving experience or cure. taught me the distress caused Peter Vaughan. by the effects of this devastatc/o Bristol Old Vic, ing illness. The gradual loss of memory and reason, the in-King Street, Bristol. ability to recognise loved **Night flights** ones, the sudden outbursts of

uncharacteristic violence and HAT Florence Nightin-gale (Leader, March 21) the total destruction of normal function must rate Alzheimer's as one of the most chose to do with her libido is harrowing diseases known to her own business - especially since, to do the work I was shocked to learn that she feit called to, she gave up Alzheimer's is the single most marriage with a man who would (according to her diary) have satisfied her both common disease in Britain today, with over 600,000 sufferers. The cost of caring for sexually and intellectually. Alzheimer's patients is esti-mated at $\pounds1.5$ billion to the NHS alone and the emotional Even my first reaction "What a pity that she had to suppress it" seems unduly pat-ronising. And if her Swedish It is vital that we endeavour masseur did her good, he should have been subsidised to find solutions to this terrible disease by investing more by a grateful public. in scientific research. This is

Mary Haight. why I am lending my whole hearted support to the Alz- Univ. of Glasgow, G12 8QQ.

WILL the new Dorrell doc-trine, that ministers should not question the advice (AV) is the only system of proand PR (March 19) was the obportional representation (PR) which retains the existing of experts, be applied to single member constituencies

The weighted parliamen-tary vote (WPV) also has this virtue. Moreover, it is exactly proportional. The voter only has to make one cross against one name, as at present. No need to place a number of candidates in order as with AV, and every vote counts. No vote is wasted. No boundary changes are needed. Demo-graphic changes do not affect it, and PR purists could find no fault with it. Donald Matheson. Daresbury House, Daresbury, Warrington, Cheshire WA44AJ.

PETER HAIN states "other PR options require mon-ster constituencies ... which break the democratic principle of local accountability" Wrong. They would increase local accountability because a candidate for whom an elec-tor had voted would have a much greater chance of being elected (by STV) and hence of being accountable. Alan Coburn. 111 Gravel Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 6LZ.

servation that Blair was not yet continued that it was in his party's interests. If only the House of Commons were full of members whose first thought was "What is best for my country"" instead of "What is best for my party" and whose words and actions were governed by conscience rather than party.

A simple way of achieving this would be to dismantle all whips' offices and make every vote a free one Then we might not need constitutional reform, since voters would not feel so much need for "their" party to get elected. Mike Ellwood. 20 Morton Close. Abingdon, Oson OX14 3XL

SURELY it should be up to the people of this country to decide if they wish to change the electoral system Should we not be following the New Zealand example and having a "preferendum" where voters have the chance to say if they want change and, if so, what system of proportional representation they wish to adopt? John Boxall, Bristol South Green Party.

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A Country Diary

NORTHUMBERLAND: A rare | but this in turn governs the find this week. Looking for natural food which is procur-chippings for our fire in able. A further contributory Molesden Wood, I picked up a factor is the soil. Certam soils pair of cast roe buck antiers. have a high calcium content Roe deer males cast horn and roe bucks on such formaearly in the year but to find a tion have stronger heads than pair together is extraordinary. their less fortunate brethren. The last pair I know which For example, in Dorset there were found like this were is chalk among the first and picked up by a stalker many deer in that county are noted for their good heads.

years ago on the hill of Meall Chomrie by Loch Rannoch. A previous diary of mine Few roe cast horns are picked about the sad dearth of wild up at all, not surprising bebirds in our garden this year cause they are small, sticklike objects resembling dried twigs. The month when a buck sheds his horns varies with the individual but generally speaking the older the buck the sooner he becomes clean. No two bucks throw identical heads and this variety is one of the attractions of such trophies. As their appearances vary so does their weight. Thin, weak horns may weigh only a few ounces, whilst those more rugged and heavily pearled will turn the scale at over a pound. The controlling factor is the kind of food available, weather to a

prompted many letters from readers. Typical is the one from Michael Corley in Norfolk: "For anyone with a gar-den, seeing and hearing the wild birds was a large part of

the pleasure of living in the country. Now there is no robin, no blackbird, no finches, no brave song thrush. no lovable house-sparrows. occastonally a party of tits passing quickly through. Nothing but a silent desolation ... "He reckons this stems from the arrival of sparrowhawks six years ago and suggests a garden-lovers lobby to fight the raptor lobby. VERONICA HEATH lesser degree has some effect.

cost to carers is inestimable.

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The Guardian Friday March 22 1996

Diary

Joanna Coles -----

Y friend Charles

Kennedy — revered in intellectual circles as the John Stuart Mill of the Lib Dems - has temporarily laid aside his eagerly awaited translation of the Iliad in favour of a pair of ageing Green Plash plim-solls. Indeed, my sources at Westminster — where Charles occasionally moon-lights as an MP — have spotted him positively panting Peter around Parliament Square apparently in some sort of Preston mysterious training ritual Confronted, Charlie ex-plains all. He has agreed to run in this year's I Can't Believe It's Not Flora London Marathon! Mindful, however, of his publisher's deadline — I'm told Oxford's bookshops are clamouring for his defini-tive interpretation — Char-lie has decided the full 26 miles might take too long. so he has opted for the shorter version, whereby 26 celebs will run one mile each, accompanied by a "running partner" — to raise money for the charity Heart to Heart Challenge. To this end Charlie is looking for a Guardian reader to accompany him, and I have decided the fairest way to make this opportunity available to all is to launch a competition. The winner will be the person who guesses Charlie's correct weight to the nearest pound. (Kilograms will not be accepted.) Answers on a postcard please, to reach the Diary by the end of next also, among other things, a week. The winner must be prepared to raise some local sponsorship themselves and is expected to pose for photos after the race is completed. Weight loss is optional.

O sensitive those men at the United States of America National America National Rifle Assocation. In their collective wisdom they have decided to hold this year's annual conference on April 19. Which just happens to mark the anniversa-ries of the Oklahoma bombing, Waco and the Battle of Lexington and Concord.

Y friend RUPERT Christiansen, gelati-nous opera critic of the Spectator, is wrestling with a terrible dilemma. His new flat overlooks that of the perfectly chested Paula Yates, and Rupert is wondering whether he could raise money from the tabloids by selling them in-side information gleaned from his peeping-tommery. "This is what I see," he says

Casual cruelty for an old soldier

Commentary Mr Preston is a retired (Royal Artillery) soldier from Chalfont St Giles, His hobby, at which he excels, is shoot-ing. He has hovered on the edge of international team selection. He kept his guns in S oMEBODY has to say a kind word for Peter Preston: and if this column south ********************* a locked security cabinet at home. He showed them, from time to time, to visiting children, just as one of my uncles it, who can? The P Preston in would display the German officer's daggers he brought back from the second world war. He freely admits he made a sad error, "I love my the current frame isn't the one who used to write radio plays, or the former Perma-

plays, or the former Ferma-nent Secretary at the Over-seas Development Ministry (once memorably and embar-rassingly the recipient of a duplicate lunch invite from Islamabad's Industry Minis-ter so that we both turned up shooting but I should not have allowed any boys to see the guns. You only have to make one mistake." That mistake, on current indications, may now include the loss of his gun-club memat the same restaurant and had to let his visiting nibs

choose who to share a curry with). No, the latest Peter Preston to trouble the headlasting things to add to the lasting things to and to the police family protection of a ritual stoning in the media stocks. Preston's problem, of course, was one damned thing after another. The burglary at his house, the chase and the subject of a serious allegaline writers is variously the "second weirdo", "the simpleton with an arsenal", the "Rambo boys' old fool" or "the Pied Piper of Chalfont" - according to tabloid taste. He's no relation. And he is

victim of crime deserving the normal sympathy we all need when a burglar breaks into our home and steals our It would barely have made item 7 on the BBC regional news

But Mr Preston's break-in followed hard on the heels of the Dunblane horror, at just the point that the politicians and pundits were talking about gun licences. Bingo. Or, as The Sun benignly put it: "Preston had gun permits, as did the pervert Hamilton, who slaughtered 16 children." Mr Preston is 67, and thus an "oddball pensioner", a "confused old soldier". Worse, he is a bachelor: no

need to hang too many adjectives on that washing line, guv. Worse still, like all of us, he has neighbours who ap pear not to think too highly

of his scruffy sitting room, his "flimsy" front door, or his habit of giving sweets to kids. Such neighbours sup-posedly make complaints to

retrieval of lost property tion". (Serious, as in worth like it that way. What comes might (in unconnected Febru-ary, say) have rated only a knows him well attests that arrive by boat at night. Ask

story is mopping up on page 2. The front page is filled by a picture of Mr Preston, who seems unaware that one of his trouser fly-buttons is un-done. (Did the friendly pho-tographer with the flash point that out before pressing the button?) When something as despicable, as mind-numbing, as Dunblane happens, there is immediately little but grief and shock. The politicians [all silent. Yet in the second

phase. Something Has To Be Done. Thomas Hamilton held gun permits and used those guns for slaughter. One natuway. ral strand of inquiry, of course, includes the future of such permits and such guns.

For once, though, I find my-self wholly on Michael How-ard's side. This is the stuff of Maybe there's a

"he is a very gentle soul" — but by this time the Mail lead

hamburger man called Preston out there waiting to be infamous for 15 minutes

calm inquiry, not lathering

hysteria. It would be a better world and a better Britain, if no pri-vate citizen carried guns or had access to them. But how do you edge towards such nir-vana? Legislation covering the sale of guns varies across the ball of guns varies across the globe, across the United States, across Europe. Our borders are island porous. We

the IRA. Call Colonel Gadaffi. Ring your friendly Mafia sup-plier. There's no perfection there. There's no guarantee that all the bureaucratic police checks known to man-kind (Daily Mail hails bureaucracy shock) will spot a potential madman on day one or day 301. Call Lord Lu-

can, if you can find him. Gun clubs are vulnerable to burglary, just like private homes There is absolutely no evi-dence that a Hamilton without a licence would not have discovered another mode of massacre. Monsters set to burn in hell (as The Sun might add) will always find a

None of this means that Nothing Can Be Done. But it necessarily limits both ambition and hyperbole. The Pied Piper of Chalfont St Giles, if Piper of Changon's to thes, if we pause, is testimony to that. Strip out the Mailesque adjectival spin, which could equally turn the revered Paul Johnson into an "oddball pen-sioner pundit" or the Lord Chancellor into a "divorce-created Scattieb OAP" Button revolution was punk. And I was there at the birth Even 20 years ago I could tell songs like No Future had an amazing crazed Scottish OAP". Button up the errant flies, Ask the gabby neighbours for facts amongst their gatepost yack. future. And still when I feel really freaked out about the Remember that a man living alone is not a pariah and, in what we otherwise like to call way the country is going, I find myself putting it on --not the original version, but "a community", may enjoy Creamline toffees and chatthe newer, fresher version on the indispensable Nana Mous-

ting to young people. The frantic show, of course, moves on. Maybe there's a kouri Sings The Very Best Of New Wave CD, just out. hamburger man called Pres-ton out there waiting to be infamous for 15 minutes. But I had supposed that the legacy of Dunblane would be sombre reflection and a welling sorrow, not the threshing infliction of more cruelties. I was wrong. And I think I'd still feel that if the old soldier in question was called Fred Bloggs.

down.

Don't look back in anger, Jack - channel it!



COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9

an urgent meeting when the lights turned red. "Come on, come on," he muttered through clenched teeth, tap-ping on the steering wheel of his Volvo saloon with mounting rage. At that point, two youths appeared, one with a bucket of water, the other with a wiper, "Bloody hell!" yelled Jack, "It's those HE year was 1976. The

Johnny Rotten. Jack was driv-ing me to Walworth Road for

damned squeegee merchants again! Talk about 'fascist regime'!" The lights went green, and we managed to drive off without surrendering our principles or our money. But the incident made me think "You must *channel* that anger. Jack!" I implored him. "You must be sure those punk ideals we once nurtured never, ever die! You must turn that anger into something relevant, something that can truly change this country of

Let's take a schlepp down memory lane, back a full 20 years to the days when Sid ours! You must form a New Labour Social Policy (Squee-gee Prohibition) Group!" and Johnny and the rest of that defiant crew were shak-As you can imagine, there were tears in our eyes. And ing their fists at the class-ridden social conditions into Jack really did learn to chan-nel that anger of his: he has which they had been environ-mentalised. You knew it was now privately promised that the very first act of an incom-ing New Labour government will be the introduction of for real, and sure enough three years later as a result of the Pistols' mould-breaking tougher sentencing for squeesongs, the whole rotten Tory gee merchants, with up to five years' detention for a first offence, and life for offences Government came crashing

Or at least it would have done if it had been a Tory Government Instead, it was a committed thereafter. So our old ideals are not dead. Let's boogie

Jack isn't the only ex-punk in New Labour, not by a long Labour Government which came crashing down, and it was Welcome to Thatcher's chalk. Cherie's career as a backing vocalist with X-Ray Spex has already been well-documented by Ms Poly Sty-rene. "Cherie could pogo like

was welcome to insteller's Britain — making the Pistols' songs such as Fascist Regime all the more prophetic. Like many other people. I was just past my early-to-late 20s at the time, and I was angry as hell. God, I was there was no tomorrow." re-cords Ms Styrene in her auto-biography. "Though she al-ways took care to fix her angry. I remember once see-ing a can in the street, and just kicking it without caring barrister's wig to her hair with extra pins so as to stop it bouncing off." Less widely known is John Prescott's who saw me. Another time, I bonght a great big safety pin, stuck it any-old-how on a shirt and then wore it angrily around the bouse. Once in the brief period playing bass for The Stranglers, before he left in a tizz after the other memcar my mates and I all sang "God Save The Queen/ A fasbers refused to include the senior Labour MP Denis Howell among the admired digni-taries listed in their hit single cist regime/ Gotta let off a bit of steam" all the way to East Cheam at the very top of our No More Heroes. Now that the Sex Pistols are

voices, only lowering the volreforming, my own PR com-pany. Bel and Frendz, is handling their account. Small ame when passing through built-up areas. And let me tell you, my generation never ever lost world. I hadn't seen the lads that rage, that burning desire in years, but they're looking

for revolution. It goes w



tantalising Speccie readers with his wide-cyed observa-tions: "Their nanny is plainly a jolly good thing, solid and dependable. Bob comes around occasionally; he wore a rather swish sheepskin coat last Wednes day and took the girls to school, Michael [Hut-chence, Paula's new beau] on the other hand looks a bit of a Charlie; 1 did not care for his ridiculous, bright yellow, baggy trews. Paula has hung some new, white spotted curtains in her bed-room this week." I admit to a frisson of envy. A large fortune is surely his for the asking.

DRAW your attention to an ad in the current edition of the House Magazine, which serves our good members at Westminst "Secretary required by Con-servative member. Good WP skills and previous experience essential. CV and photograph to PO Box HM0170." What foresight to require a photograph! This, I am convinced, is a most effective method of ensuring the MP has as wide and as colourful a selection of applicants as is humanly possible.

EANWHILE stationery shops around Whitehall are suffering an orgent drought of those useful yellow Post-It Notes. The culprits I learn, are a new breed of civil servant who, post-Scott report, have abandoned the age-old prac tice of sending memos on nice, clean, eminently traceable sheets of A4. In favour of scribbling all controversial orders on a much, much harder-to-file Post-It Note.

ARGON alert: the city of Toronto bas renamed its manholes After a 12-10 vote by the council, it was decided they should be renamed becaus they were sexist. From now on council workmen must refer to them as mainte-

nance boles.



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The diet of words

Paul Brown explains why he gave up eating beef while reporting on the mad-cow affair. Below, government adviser Mike Painter examines the risk of a major epidemic

ITHIN min-) that no one really knows, at utes of the an-least not yet; but at least nouncement someone should have tried to that 10 people had died from address the concerns of a worried nation.

The question was certainly a new form of illness which not one ministers wanted to consider either on Wednesemed to be a human version of "mad cow disease", the propaganda battle to save British beef had begun. day or yesterday. They repeated what they have been Top of the agenda for two Cabinet ministers in their statements to Parliament was telling us for 10 years, which is that beef is safe to eat "now". The fact that before how to stop the panic and protect the beef market. Nei-ther minister attempted to first introduced, they appear to have been completely Journalists reporting the wrong was not addressed. It BSE saga for a decade have answer the big question which could be heard in pubs. on buses and street corner all over the land yesterday. It

was too much to expect an heard little else. The profes-apology from a politician, but sional scientists and pressure was simply: "Does that mean there was was no attempt at groups that have dared to sug-we might all get mad cow any kind of spontaneous ex-disease?" The answer may be planation. When journalists ridiculed and regarded as

finally found an opportunity scaremongers, however good ing beef was completely safe. to ask, late in the day at a their credentials. press conference, ministers Yet very late in the day we der, which said there was no ducked it immediately. Over have been told that on this proven link between BSE and

occasion they appear to have been right. Or to put it in the to the experts ... Douglas Hogg, the agriculture minister, and Stephen Dorrell, for health, looked precise words of the Spongi-form Encephalopathy Comglum. Dorrell, almost as an afterthought, mentioned that mittee: "Although there is no direct evidence of a link, on a helpline with a freephone current data and in the abnumber had been set up to counsel the millions of people sence of any credible alterna-tive the most likely explanawho might be worried about having eaten infected beet. Ring the number and you get tion at present is that these [10] cases are linked to exposure to BSE before the introa message from the Govern-ment's chief medical officer, duction of the specified bo vine offals ban in 1989. This is Dr Kenneth Calman. It is that the risk from eating beef now is "extremely small" and he

cause for great concern." In other words, the most likely cause of the deaths was will go on eating it. There is nothing at all about symp-toms, what to do if you feel ill, people eating offal before 1969, the sort of material comman in dozens of foods every no words of reassurance about it being a chance in a one except vegetarians regularly eats. In order to make sure the million. The whole direction

public were protected, the alof the advice is: do not worry ready stringent restrictions on offal which were in place before this week were tightened still further. Yesterday a reader rang up

to complain that the Meat and Livestock Commission was standing by its claim that eat-

What's likely to happen next?

PEOPLE understand-ably have plenty of questions about what will happen in future with BSE and CJD. To the main don't know what that risk

question, is there going to be a big epidemic of CJD, When cases are identified of a new strain of a disease, as has happened with those reported this week, we as the answer has to be quite simple and boring: we just don't know.

There could be - but scientists seek to discover then again nothing of the sort may develop. I personwhy. Our hypothesis is that it is related in some way to ally doubt that we will get the BSE agent, simply on the grounds that these hundreds of thousands of cases have occurred out of human cases; yet I can't imagine it will just stop at the 10 cases identified this week as "new". We just don't know where it will tion of cows during the mid- and late-1980s. The changes in the infected rest between 10 and cows' brains were similar to those caused in humans 100,000 It is important at this stage to try not to panic. to by CJD - although we do keep a grip on the perspec-tive. We at the Spongiform not believe the cause of spo-radic CJD to be the same as

Encephalopathy Advisory Committee believe that the BSE. But you then have to accept that the possibility of a link exists between the measures that have been two - even though it put in place can make meat as safe to eat as one can remains unclear how the agent of the disease spread. reasonably expect. That's not to say that people who | It is too simplistic to say There is the possibility that | well in the past, particu- | Advisory Committee

trimmings found their way into meat products; maybe mechanically recovered meat could have introduce hits of spinal cord. These found is that tissue from are all possibilities; but we the central nervous system - the brain and the spinal still have to prove the

hypothesis. With other diseases, it is cord - contains high levels of infectivity. Research has far simpler to identify the cause. For salmonella, we also shown evidence that ordinary muscle (the part would list all the risk faceaten as steak) has not been shown to cause infection in tors we could think of and laboratory animals. see how many of our cases

Faced with these find-had been exposed to this ings, and the results of risk. The problem here is the blue. We can see that it plenty of other similar ex-follows a rise in BSE infec- periments on other tissues. that we are talking of risk periments on other tissues, you are led to think that the further you get from it hard to remember what I ate last week. So again it is the cental nervous system, very hard to know whether the less likely you are to you need to ingest the find tissue capable of transmitting the BSE agent. You then want to discover how transmission agent just once, or take in a certain ground bits of the central amount over a longer period. nervous system entered the

To assess a risk scientifihuman food chain - for. apart from the few people cally you need to compare a group of those infected who enjoy eating calves' brains, most of us do not with a control group; such knowingly eat the CNS. methods have worked very

mellow. proven link between BSE and human illness was still cor-rect, it claimed. It was not withdrawing it from butchers.

Its time for a confession: writing BSE stories takes its toil, and this journalist stopped eating beef four years ago. As it happens, it appears it was too late. We learn rather sadly that one of the victims had been a vegetarian for two years — but he once had a taste for burgers.

We have been badly misled. The lives of thousands appear to have been put at risk to prevent financial harm to a powerful lobby, the farming and food industries. As the evidence has piled up it has seemed increasingly likely that a human form of CJD would emerge. What still comes as shock is the contin-ued ministerial manipulation, even now, which contin-ues to try and keep us buying beef.

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larly to link cigarette smoking and cancer in the 1950s. But when you have only 10 cases to work on, the power of your study must be very low: it takes a large number of cases to measure risk accurately. You are not helped by the sheer difficulty of assessing what is the agent respon-sible: you could always get the lab to grow salmonella to study, but with BSE that becomes more complicated. So although you can dem-onstrate the agent's handiwork, you cannot demon-strate the agent itself.

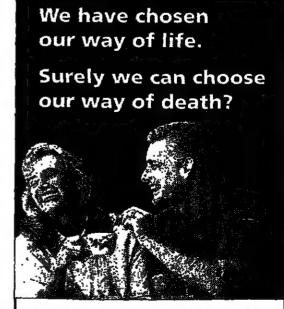
All this makes it very difficult to give the hard and fast answers people want. Quite reasonably people want to know what risks they are running. All we can say is that in 1996 we believe them to be very much less than in 1989, or in 1986. Potting an actual figure on the risk is impossible at this stage.

Dr Mike Painter, a consultant in nicable disease control for the City of Manchester, is a member of the Government's Sponglform Encephalopathy

batter than ever, though Sid' saying that many of the the only one to have lost any names we now associate with weight.

the Blair revolution were in For their promotional tour, fact early followers of punk. As is widely known, Jack funded jointly by New Labour and the Sex Pistols, the lads Straw was a founding mem-ber of The Damnad, only they have agreed to wear smart, double-breasted suits, to sing got rid of him when Rat Sca-bies decided they didn't want a selection from the New Seekers, and to hawk, retch or spit only into special New Labour spitoons provided for the purpose. Everyone's agreed it's a perfect way of a washboard as part of their overall music policy. So Jack joined New Labour instead, in search of something more getting the party's message across. Change and renewal like the Pistols, we in New

But take it from me, Jack remains a punk at heart. Only last summer, I saw him seeth-Labour have put the 70s be-hind us. But with no loss of ing with real anger, so much so that he began quoting from | real anger.



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Frank Murray

The bionic policeman

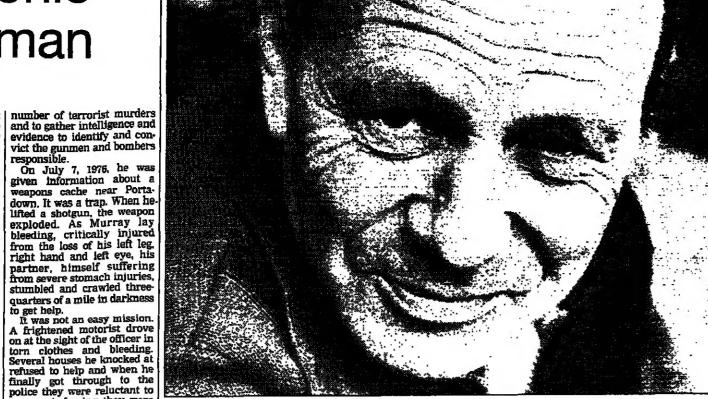
HIEF Superintendent | number of terrorist murders Frank Murray, who has died of cancer | evidence to identify and conaged 51, was an extraordinary police officer, even by the unique and de-manding standards of the Royal Ulster Constabulary. Despite the loss of a leg, an arm and an eye in an explosion 20 years ago, he refused to accept medical retirement, rejoined the fight against terrorism, won two further promotions and ended his career as one of the most senior officers in the Special Branch, commanding the police officers and special forces soldiers involved in the most secret, sensitive and

dangerous anti-terrorist operations in the border counties of Armagh, Tyrone and Fer-managh, where IRA activity was at its most intense. During this time Murray, who was affectionately called the "Bionic Man" by his col-

leagues, was a prime target for the IRA and was forced to move house at least three times. For a prolonged period the threat to his safety was so great that he moved his fam-ily into the relative safety of He once described the ambulance journey, saying that when he rolled over going round corners he knew he had lost his limbs. Nobody the Army's heavily guarded beadquarters complex at Lis-burn but he still went out and gave him much chance of survival but Murray survived about his dangerous work, running informers, directing with the encouragement of his wife, Laraine, which he never failed to acknowledge. When he left hospital after seven months he had come to terms with his false eye, arm undercover surveillance oper-ations, moving back and for-ward across the invisible front lines of Ulster's complex

intelligence war. He cheated death several and leg. His first action was to times in his career, most notably on June 3, 1994, when order a specially adapted automatic car to give him - at two hours notice, so that he could oversee an SAS operpital he was determined to resume police duty and he fought, with rugged determiation - he cancelled his seat on the ill-fated RAF Chinook which crashed on the Mull of Kintyre. The 29 passengers killed included the heads of nation, to do so and not in a token desk job. Despite his the Special Branch and MI5 a full role in Special Branch activity, now based at Gough in Northern Ireland, who were close friends as well as colleagues. A short time later Murray was told that he had Barrracks, Armagh, where be conducted operations against both Republican and Loyalist cancer.

His work made him an in-tensely secretive and discreet man. Tough, determined, frequently ruthless and courageous beyond measure, he was an unyielding task master who inspired those under his command. Officers who did not meet his high standards were swept aside and transferred out of his teams. Very much a hardworking, hard-living man's man, he enjoyed putting a bottle or two out on the desk



Victor Zorza . . . throwing light on the secrecies of Soviet society

Eventually help was dis-patched and Murray, still con-scious, was taken to hospital. Victor Zorza

come out, fearing they were

being sucked into a further

independent mobility. All through his spell in hos-

injuries he continued to play

terrorists with equal vigour.

his work or his contribution to the fight against terrorism

but colleagues say that he helped save countless lives by thwarting many ruthless

terrorist attacks and uncover-ing caches of arms and explo-

stves. They also say that the

two promotions he subse-quently achieved, to superin-

Murray never talked about

ambush.

Master of Kremlinology

HE WORD Kremin-ology was not in-vented for Victor Zorza, who has died aged 70. but for earnegent for England. During all these furtive travels be had to arrongent for met of these furtive travels be had to arrongent for met of these furtive travels be had to arrongent for met of these furtive travels be had to arrongent for met of these furtive travels be had to arrongent for met of these furtive travels be had to arrongent for met of these furtive travels be had to arrongent for met of these furtive travels be had to arrongent for met of these furtive travels be had to arrongent for met of these furtive travels be had to arrongent for met of these furtive travels be had to arrongent for met of these furtive travels be had to arrongent for met of these furtive travels be had to arrongent for met of these furtive travels be had to arrongent for met of these furtive travels be had to arrongent for met of these furtive travels be had to arrongent for met of the sector furtive travels be had to arrongent for met of the sector for met of the s more than 25 years he was its leading exponent. For most of that time he wrote for the disguise his Jewish origins. After leaving the RAF in

Guardian; later he taught as well as practised Kremlinol-ogy at Georgetown University, 1948, Zorza joined the BBC monitoring service at Caversham. On the strength of what Weshington. To the world at large his he learned from listening to Soviet and East European most important coups were the discovery of the ideologi-cal split between Moscow and broadcasts he bombarded the Guardian with articles about communist politics, all of

Mao Zhedong's China and the prediction of the Soviet invawhich were sent back. Tiring of this inattention he sion of Czechoslovakia in 1968. telephoned the office one evening in January 1950 and dic-tated a piece he claimed had been ordered. No such com-mission had been given but the editor A P Wadsworth saw For the Guardian he also analysed the trends behind the secrecies of Soviet society through a method which. though infinitely painstaking in practice, was simple in theory. It depended not only on considering what was said the piece, on nationalism in the Ukraine, and used it. Thenceforward Zorza became and written but on comparing it with what might have been a frequent contributor, writ-ing as "A Student of Soviet

Year for having foreseen "with astonishing accuracy and against the flow of in-formed opinion" the end of Czechoslovakia's freedom. A more daring and unlikely forecast was attributed to him

in an interview at the time of that award. One of his themes had been the forthcoming liberalisation of the Soviet sys-tem. Asked whether this did not mean he would be out of a job he replied: "Yes, the pace of change will be so greatly speeded up that within 15

A daring and unlikely forecast the Souriet

office staff tore off his copy a page at a time. He left the Guardian staff in 1971, an event which had been threat-ened with uncomfortable regularity almost from the day of his arrival. The story finished, the obstreperous journalist became once again a genial and sensitive man. Zorza's life underwent an

abrupt change in 1977 when his young daughter died. He wrote a book about the experience, and gave up the day-to-day journalism, though while lecturing on communist affairs at Georgetown he wrote a column widely distributed across the continents. He then changed tack again, first devoting himself to the hospice movement and then to experi-encing the Third World at first hand by living the life of an Indian peasant, albeit one ticated acc s to Lord Alport, Deputy

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Michael Raptis

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A shadowy patriot

ICHAEL Raptis, alias "Pablo", who has died aged 85. was a Trotskyist revolutionary whose links to the far left went back to the far left went back to the suggest that Raptis was a

1920s. Tall and bald, with paradox, a proponent of vio-sunken features, he was an lent revolution yet a solf-invariable presence at gath-erings of revolutionaries dur-teacher of the young. But the ing the years of the Cold War. Born in Alexandria into an Egyptian Greek family, he his character became one in was educated in Greece before studying civil engineera romantic and a potriot but ing in Paris. In 1928 he joined abhorred nationalism. To an the Greek Workers' Move- outsider the possibility of ment. and set up the Internasuch an old man fomenting Greece in 1934. Among its early recruits was Andreas Papandroou, the future Greek still believe them. prime minister, who became Towards the end of his life

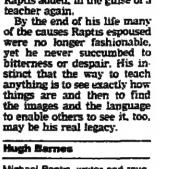
a lifelong friend. Raptis lived in a well-fur-Rapus, a gifted speaker and writer, had the right names on his credentials. From 1942 until 1962, he served as gen-eral-secretary of one version of the Fourth International. nished apartment in the fash-ionable quarter of Athens. It was then I met him and became his friend. As we talked in his favourite kafencio over which Leon Trotsky had founded in 1938, and briefly worked with the Ben Bella ouzo and meze, it was hard to recognise in this lively and charming old man the bogey figure of rightwing demonology. "People say you are the leader of November 17, don't they?" I once said to him, and covernment in post-indepen-dence Algeria. His activities took in contacts with the war-

time French Resistance, mis-cellaneous plots against the Greek colonels' dictatorship in the late 1960s, appearances at Libyan ruler Colonel Ga-dafy's "Liberation Forums" he laughed. "What do you say to that?" Raptis hesitated. "I know very well that I am not

in Tripoli and proximity to November 17, the world's most lethal terrorist group. The story of Raptis's al-leged involvement with November 17 - named after the day in 1973 when the coloneis tanks crushed a student occupation in Athens — has a certain dreamlike quality. And, in some ways, interpret-ing it is rather like interpret-ing a dream. When democracy was restored in Greece in 1974

restored in Greece in 1974, November 17 presented itself as the instrument of revolutionary justice, passing death sentences on "enemies of the people" — not only politi-cians, magistrates, policemen and industrialists but also American diplomatic and mil-itary personnel, a senior Central Intelligence Agency oper-ative and a Turkish embassy official. Athens insiders often amused themselves by

the leader," he replied. He had sued successfully when a book published in Greece alleged that he was involved with the terrorist cell. By now the Greeks have bou superstitious ideas, almos medieval about November 17 The underworld of terrorism is very strange and obscure." Raptis added, in the guise of a



Michael Raptis, writer and revolutionary, born 1911; died February 17, 1996



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wind and chat. Not for him		then in Poland. In 1939 he was	pearance in the office, started		rience for the Guardian and	models' agent. 50; George		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
the massage of counselling for stress or trauma, conditions		deported with family to the Soviet Union, but escaped	writing at 9.30am and contin- ued all day. In May 1956 the	liberalisation	later the Times. The last eight years of Zor-	Benson, jazz guitarist, 53: Betty Callaway, ice-skating		
he did not recognise.	37 commendations for good	from a labour camp and lived	paper took him on the staff.		za's life were devoted to set-	trainer, 68; Sheila Cameron.		
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lowed and he became a ser-			stand by the side of Egypt in	but no longer necessary." He	received a cordial welcome to	caster, 47; Dr Harry Kay,	Death Notices	
geant in 1969, inspector in	Chris Ryder	and, to test Zorza's creden-		was only a few years out	Russia as a long-lost friend,	former vice-chancellor,	BROOKE, Francia Christepher, on March	•
1972 and chief inspector three years later. By then he was	Frenk Murrey, selles officer	tials, asked him which of his	went back to source and wrote	In his later years with the	from fellow-journalists who	Exeter University, 77; Minna	15th 1996, succenty in hospital Francis,	
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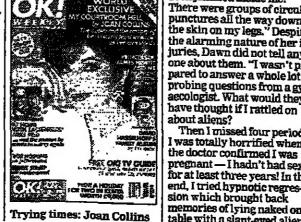
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pered when it moves horizontally and suffered when it becomes locked vertically ... I got a nice letter from someone in Quebec: 'Better a real bishop in a virtual diocese than what we've got, a virtual bishop in a real Diocese.' Adam Gopnik reports on France's virtual bishop for call a titular see. It was more

return of the money - with interest! I was in despair. By now, my writing career and my momentum as a novelist were seriously wounded, as was I... Now I was in a David and Goliath situation, one small individual struggling for vindication and her rights with a conglomerate octopus who had unlimited resources

erless to say anything at all in explanation. Trembling with rage and frustration, I sat with my lawyers. I tried not to think about the TV cameras trained on me, tried to dismiss the personal and profes sional humiliation but my emotions -- stretched to breaking point after two years of litigation hell — got



I was totally horrified when the doctor confirmed I was pregnant - I hadn't had sex for at least three years! In the end, I tried hypnotic regression which brought back memories of lying naked on a table with a slant-eyed alien

Then I missed four periods

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Mike Wallis, chief executive of building materials group Bruntcliffe Aggregates, at the group's Biblebeaton Quarry at Monifieth, near Dundee. The group yesterday announced pre-tax profits of 2907,000 for 1995 compared with 2912,000 in 1994. Mr Wallis said the results were "creditable" in the face of weak demand in Scotland PHOTOGRAPH MURDO MACLEON

Labour rings nuclear alarm

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ABOUR will next week step up the pressure on the Government to abandon its £2.5 billion nuclear privatisation in what be the last chance for MPs to debate the issue before the sale this summer. Amid signs that Ian Lang,

the Trade and Industry Secre-tary, is preparing to go on the offensive over the troubled saie to ensure it keeps to its July flotation timetable. For the sale to be stopped."

Labour is to devote one of its | clear Electric and Scottish supply days to a debate on | Nuclear - under the newly | Nuclear — under the newly created holding company. British Energy — has been rushed through by the Gov-ernment without new locielitar It will call for the flotation to be dropped claiming that the deal will hurt taxpayers

legislation. and could threaten safety. Margaret Beckett, shadow Legal changes required for the sale were covered by the Electricity Act which paved the way for the privatisation of the rest of the power indus-try. The legislation held good industry secretary, said: "This is a critical opportunity for the Commons to debate the costs to the taxpayer and the potential hazards to the public of the Government's plans for nuclear privatisa-tion. Labour will be calling for nuclear power even though the industry was ripped out of the earlier sale after the City took fright at its multi-billion liabilities for cleaning up and waste.

Although the sell-off plans were put through a highly critical examination by the Commons trade and industry select committee, there has been little debate on the sale in the chamber since the Dep-

uty Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, set the industry on course for the private sector last May. Labour contends that the

sale has had relatively little scrutiny even though it could raise more revenue than the Railtrack privatisation and will be more important in the Treasury's attempt to raise cash for pre-election tax cuts.

Directors said they wanted

19 million higher than City expectations and helped BET

shares rise 3p to 203p. That comfortably exceeds the 198p

value of the cash-and-shares

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BET raises bid stakes

Since the select committee | torate ahead of the sale. report, it has been disclosed | Against this background, Mr that the Government was considering abandoning the flota-tion and selling the industry to Duke Power of the US in a trade deal. It faced immediate embarrassment over the disclosure when the American company tried to play down its interest. The City is so far unim-pressed by early details of

British Energy and its pros-pects, while the company continues its battle to get its reactors through a safety re-licensing process with the Nuclear Installations Inspec-

and, having helped grind down the costs of Do It All to cope with a moribund hous-Against this background, Mr Lang is expected to start promoting the sale heavily next week. He will spell out plans for a special ring-fenced fund ing market, is able to stomach the losses (relatively limited at £14 million a year overall) to cover the decommissioning without much protest from bill for the seven advanced shareholders gas-cooled reactors and the Sizewell B station in Suffolk Boots's strategic view is that selling Do It All as a lossmaker, requiring some write-down on the balance sheet, makes no sense. The value of which are being privatised Mr Lang will argue that a multi-billion pound burden edge-of-town shopping sites and franchises is creeping up, as demonstrated by its sale of will be lifted from the Exchequer. He will also reject sugges

Childrens World. And while thare might be a short-term boost to its share price in closing or offloading Do It All, tions that the sale could com-promise the industry's safety record.

crats into the elections in the German Land of Baden-Württemberg on a platform includ-ing postponement of the Euro-

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pean single currency. Until relatively recently, monetary union was not a question German politicians duestion German pointenan-put to the electorate. But if Mr Spori does well, then his party's leader at the federal level. Oskar Lafontaine, may well decide to make defence of the mark a key issue in German politics.

man pournes. Indeed, many suggest that Mr Spöri's policy towards monetary union is a kite being flown on the orders of Mr Lafontaine to test its balot-box appeal.

Of course, even if Mr Spori gets enough votes to be able to opt out of the current "grand coalition" with the Christian Democrats in favour of an alliance with the Greens, it is hardly likely to send too many shudders through the forex markets on Monday retailing businesses, Virgin Megastores and Our Price. These possibilities were

morning. But if Mr Lafontaine de-cides that defence of the mark enough to lift the group's usu-ally lacklustre share price 3 per cent yesterday. WH Smith cannot, however, go it alone on Do It All. Boots is a dream theme - and the symbol of Germany's post-war success which reaches the 50-year mark only a few months ahead of the 1998 fedhas deep pockets as a result of the surging profitability of its main business, Boots the Chemist. That strength means it has infinite patience eral elections — then cur-rency dealers will have to take notice.

That would provide a sting in the tail for the Baden-Württemberg voters. If EMU is delayed, forex anlaysts reckon the mark will get a boost. Hardly the sort of news to be welcomed by luxury car mak-ers Marcedes and Porsche, both of which have plants in the state

TEC giveaway

REGULAR readers of these pages may be sur-prised to learn that Petrick Doyle - the convicted forger who runs a string of training centres - could soon be given access to more tax-

His chequered business career aside, it may seem

Book discounts push up prices

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RICES of books expected nix paperback of Jostein Gaarder's Sophie's World is to become best-sellers priced at £5.99 but the Book-track survey shows that it is most commonly sold for £1 less. Bantam's Upstart, by have been increased by a tenth this year to allow retailers to offer discounts without damasing publishing Catherine Cookson, carries a margins. The substantial rises are a

response to the collapse of the net book agreement last price of £14.83. autumn, opening the way for price competition on books and hitting profit margins in the trade.

Bookwatch, the publishing fiction slumped by 40 per cent on last year's levels, the trade research group, found in its latest survey that publishers has begun to revive in the have raised the prices of the top 70 hardbacks by an aver-age of 6.5 per cent. The top 10 run-up to the important Easter period. Despite this pick-up, Bookhave seen an even larger in-crease - between 8 and 10 per watch says overall book sales so far this year are still 3 to per cent down on the corre sponding period in 1995.

The paperback market is sceing a similar trend, although here price rises tended to be between 6 and 8 per cent

for top-selling titles. Peter Harland, director of Bookwatch, said publishers are phasing out the 19.99 price benchmark for hardneks

There were indications that price tags between £11 and There had been a noticeable increase in titles priced at 114.99 to £16.99.

The £3.99 paperback also looks set to become a thing of the past, with popular titles increasingly produced at 15% and 26.99.

The latest figures from

ABB quizzed about heating pipes after anti-cartel raids

Julie Wolf in Trussels and Mark Milner

AEUROPEAN Commission investigation into allega-tions that Asea Brown Boveri and other firms operated a cartel in heating pipes is at an advanced stage, commission sources said vesterday.

The commission has writion to ABB and several other companies setting out information obtained by investigators during raids last June. A company spokesman said BB had six weeks in which to reply. The business invoived in the allegations accounted for less than I per cent of group sales, he said. The raids were carried out | chemicals.

in Denmark, Germany, Austria, Sweden and Finland. A commission official said the raids had vielded a consider-

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able amount of data on the in market switch companies' operations. "We went fishing and we got a good catch," he said.

DLANS to restructure the Stock Exchange The commission's investigations are at a delicate stage "order driven" trading and should yield results by will initially be restricted to dealings in the market's the summer or autumn, the official added. If the commission finds the top 100 shares, the mar-

companies have operated a ket's regulatory body announced yesterday. News that the exchange cartel, it can fine them up to 10 per cent of turnover. The intends to phase in changes to the share trading market inquiry involves preinsulated pipes used in district heating. emerged as a steering com-Brussels is also investigat-ing alleged cartels in the mittee formally confirmed newsprint industry and petro-

Simon Beavis Industrial Editor

RITISH Gas yesterday called for price controls Booktrack, another industry monitoring organisation, illustrate the point. The Phoe governing its £18 billion pipelines business, Transco, to be relaxed but made a move to embrace new forms of profit-sharing regulation favoured by Labour. The company was laying out its case for new price caps

recommended price of £16.99 on Transco to run from April but has an average selling next year to 2002 Both the ity charges, and were beyond Transco's control. That meant privatised group and its regu-lator, Ofgas, believe the price review could end in disagree-The latest Bookwatch figthe present formula amounted in reality to RPI ures suggest that after a diment and reference to the Mosastrous January during nopolies Commission. minus 9 per cent. which the sales of hardback

Philip Rogerson, executive

ET bolstered its de-

Finces against Rento-kil's £1.8 billion take-over bid yesterday by

declaring that pre-tax profits

are set to increase by up to

Claims that current-year

profits will be "not less" than

£142 million follow forecasts that BET's dividend will be

increased by 27.5 per cent to 5.1p. The company said turn-

over was expected to be up by

more than 10 per cent to £1,940 million "of which more

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Patrick Conovan City Editor

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group, said it would be too price controls but believed cess profits, and another onerous if the group were this should be bolstered by a where the removal of cover is forced to continue under the system to share out excess profits with customers, and a present cap. which keeps price rises to 5 per cent below public regulatory contract inflation. He refused to say what would be an acceptable level: "That is a discussion we will with Ofgas. Transco's customers are

the 35 or so companies want-ing to use the national gas look forward to having with pipeline network to supply the industrial and domestic Ofgas at the appropriate markets. One of the biggest He argued that 40 per cent shippers will be British Gas's supply business, which is being hived off into a com-pany called British Gas Energy. of costs were accounted for by depreciation and local author

Transco is suggesting two profit-sharing options, one tal expenditure would fall giving it cover for failing to from £886 million now to meet its profit targets as well 2716 million by the year 2004.

director of the privatised | to stick with inflation-linked | as a formula for splitting ex compensated for by a more generous "RP1 minus" formula.

Harry Moulson, head of Transco, also called for a published contract with Ofgas specifying service and product standards, and giving both sides the right to seek arbitration over disputes.

"It needs to be public. I don't think it would work unless it was public," he said. Transco was coy on many

key financial details backing Given WH Smith's ongoing its submission but said capi-tal expenditure would fall problems, it may, however, be the only way that Mr Cockburn can safely raise the cash necessary to provide the sharper focus on its core busi-

Gas pipeline charges 'must rise' prepared to take on the addi-tional risk of taking on WH Smith's share of the businass. Nor does it believe it is worth closing it, particularly when the first indications of recovery in housing and con-

now is not the time.

This puts WH Smith in a

tricky position. Boots is not

Worries over the entrepre-neur and his practices have seen at least one TEC — South Glamorgan — sever links with Mr Doyle, But over might try to sell the entertain ment franchises. This might be regarded as unwise, howthe next few days other TECs ever, given that these repre-sent the fastest-growing secacross the country - some of which have no knowledge of Mr Doyle's background — could well choose to award tor of the business and cannot be entirely divorced from WH Smith stores, which also sell entertainment software. him contracts.

Despite the fact that the money comes from the national training budget, the Department for Education and Employment insists it is not a matter for it. And the DTI is silent. Meanwhile, because it has ness which investors demand.

been kept in the dark, the TEC National Council has simply advised its members to "look closely" at any deal-ings they may have with Mr Doyle's firm. It is little wonder that the

training budget is such a honeypot when two august government departments have so The reason? On Sunday Mr | relaxed an attitude to the dis-Spori leads the Social Demo- tribution of public funds.

Extradition Mark fort to US faces ex-Chemical change dealers may not be paying too much at-tention just now to the politi-cal fortunes of Dieter Spori. **Bank chief** They may yet have to do so.

AFORMER vice-president of Chemical Bank ap-peared before Bow Street magistrates yesterday. Pro-ceedings may end in his extradition to the US on a falseaccounting charge.

Victor Gomez, whose unau-thorised trading in the Mexi-can peso cost Chemical £45.7 sary detail to understand the forecast properly. If this is the best that the BET board can million, was sacked in early 1995, weeks before exposure of the much bigger gambles of Barings rogue trader Nick do, we continue to wonder why it doesn't recommend Leeso

Scotland Yard arrested Mr Gomez, aged 35, on Wednes-day and Officers of the Extradition Squad took him from his home in Buckinghamshire, to Charing Cross police

important step toward resolution of the debt probfalsified "an account or re-cord" "dishonestly and with a lem" of poor countries. But participants at the view to gain for yourself or meeting described the discussions as much more another or with intent to 'negative and questioning" tween January 1 and January than the bank's board 31 1994, contrary to US law. Chemical — now merged meeting the previous week. Germany, France and with Chase Manhattan - is Japan, in particular, exthought to have set strict limits on Mr Gomez's peso trading every purchase of the

pressed opposition to the staff plan more forcefully than in bank discussions. Austria Belgiur Canada Cyprus

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computer. The December 1994 peso devaluation is thought to have exposed his activities. IMF is accused of putting at risk comprehensive debt relief plan At issue is the idea of a trust fund, or funds, which Mark Tran In Men York would be used to prepay or service a portion of debt ob-**HE International Mone-**

ligations of eligible countries, most of them from Africa. The effort, anveiled last year by James Wolfensohn, the World Bank director, marks the first attempt to craft a comprehensive approach to eas-ing the debt burden on the world's poorest countries.

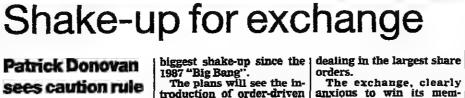
The fund would receive contributions from bilateral donors and multilateral institutions such as the bank and possibly the IMF.

The IMF is reluctant to stump up money by selling some its gold stocks, prefering to use sales to replenish its soft-loans scheme.

Proponents of sizeable debt relief fear that the IMF's foot-dragging will scupper efforts to achieve a comprehensive approach.

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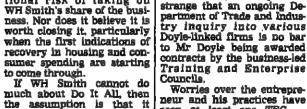
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tary Fund was accused yesterday of dragging its eet on proposals for comprehensive debt relief for the world's poorest countries. After a meeting of its executive board on Wednesday, the IMF described a plan drawn up by World Bank and Fund staff as "an



ONDON'S foreign ex-

HE stock market is start-

The profit forecast is about the combined earnings of 9 million higher than City BET and Rentokil would be spectations and helped BET 42 per cent, yet Rentokil's offer represents only 33 per cent of the resulting value." Dan Atkinson Clive Thompson, Rentokij's group chief executive, retorted: "As for BET's profit

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12 FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

iaster Thames hit for £95m on sale of non-core businesses but rules out takeover trail • Severn Trent ponders counterbid for South West

Water companies embark on fresh buy and sell round

Nicholza Bannister Technology Editor

HE TROUBLED water sector was in fresh

turmoil yesterday as Thames Water announced it was disposing of the bulk of its non-core businesses at a cost of £95 million, and Severn Trent disclosed plans to counterbid for South West Water.

Thames is also parting company with Mike Hoffmann, the £295,000 a year chief exec-utive who has directed the costly diversification pro-gramme since joining the company in 1989. The group said it intended

to concentrate on its core water and sewage business and the completion of its longterm build, operate and trans-fer contracts in Turkey. Thailand, China, Malaysia, Puerto Rico and Australia.

It is pulling out of standalone design and construction operations, putting its Utag business in Germany and its PWT subsidiary in the UK up for sale, and closing its Waste Solutions offshoot in the US.

Thames has sold five other companies making water-related plant or equipment for the industrial market, and is on the point of selling a sixth. A small products com-pany in the US has already been closed.

Thames, which has spent £120 million on diversifica-tion since privatisation in 1989, said the businesses being closed or sold lost £26 million in 1985-96 and ac-counted for about 60 per cent of its non-core activities. The group acquired Utag in

replaced, would be entitled to compensation for loss of 1992 expecting business to office but boom after German re-unifi- yet to start. office but negotiations had

cation but the expected mas-sive upgrading of East Ger-many's water infrastructure Mr Hoffmann was on a two year rolling contract with a basic salary of £250,000. He owns about 68,000 Thames failed to materialise and the company never made a profit shares and has share options under Thames' ownership. currently showing a paper profit of about £170,000. Sir Robert Clarke, who is stepping up from non-execu-tive to executive chairman, Unlike Thames, Severn

Trent, the Midlands water and sewage group, is hoping to expand through takeover. said Thames would not be seeking new overseas con-tracts for the time being. He It said yesterday it would added: "We have to prove to seek the necessary regulatory approvals to make a bid for South West Water, already the world at large and our shareholders that we can make the best of what we targeted by its neighbour New Water

Severn Trent, like Wes believes that it can manage SWW's operations more efficiently and that it will be able to deliver price cuts and better customer service. The Birmingham-based

group said it would decided whether to make a formal bid only after the move had been approved by Ian Lang, the Trade and Industry Secretary, and after agreement in principle of acceptable conditions with Ian Byatt, the di-

electricity companies. "We would find some difficulty in number of areas which pro-vide the potential for in-creased efficiency, including taking over a water company which was not adjacent to us overhead and operating costs, capital expenditure and more efficient financing. because it would be more difficult to get the synergies we would expect."

would expect." The group had opted to work closely with London Electricity in areas where they could do things together, rather than make a bid. He added that the group's best defence against takeover was "to run the business as effi-ciently as possible" Severn Trent, unlike Wessex, has set no minimum bid price, only saying that it would not overpay. Wessex has promised to offer at least £650 million. The Midlands group has fol-

lowed Wesser in promising price cuts should it make a successful bid. Mr Byatt has insisted on price cuts in the past to compensate for the reduction in the number of water companies available for

Guinness's profit figures live down to expectations



Suitable place for treatment ... Thames' £40m new Walton plant PHOTOSPAPH CANDINA

Customers beg to share load

The Guardian Friday March 22 1996

UK's biggest bills posted to 1.5m in South-west, writes Geoffrey Gibbs

AUL Petrides will shed few tears if South West Water succumbs to Wessex Water or Severa Trent, particularly if the moves result in the promised reduction in charges and improvements in services. SWW's combined water and sewage bills are the highest in the country, yet the region's 1.5 million consumers give frequent voice to complaints about poor water quality. shortages and management shortcomings. Mr Petrides' run-ins with

the utility have been over sewage discharges into the sea off his local beach at Croyde in north Devon, discoloured water coming from his tap and what he feels was an unsatisfactory complaints service when he had problems with his water bill. To cap it all, he and 85,000

other consumers in north Devon this month were banned from using hosepipes. SWW, which had just lifted hosepipe and sprinkler bans covering the whole of Corn-wall and large parts of south and west Devon, imposed the new restrictions because

Roadford — one of its three strategic reservoirs — was only 35 per cent full. The depleted state of Road-ford, has become something of a local cause celebre, regarded as symptomatic of management weakness at SWW's Exeter headquarters.

- 18 per cent of Roadford's capacity -- were released into the sea at a time when thousands of customers in the

start eason region were prohibited from watering their gardens. When news of the NRA's findings broke. SWW chair-man Keith Court halted the computerised bill run after 40,000 of the 700,000 invoices had been printed to give the company time to explain the water loss before the arrival

of bills averaging £530. "When it was opened a few years ago we were told Roadford was the answer to all our problems," says Mr Petrides. "Now we are told it's only a third full, it's a bit puzzling. Obviously the system is not working as it was intended to We were told it was our insur ance policy against drought." SWW owes its unwanted po-sition as the country's highest charger to a low customer hase and a location in which huge amounts are having to

be invested to improve bathing water quality and replace hundreds of miles of old mains. Investment in mains and sewage treatment improvements, including the Clean Sweep coastal sewage treatment programme. has amounted to £1 billion since 1990. A further £600 million has been carmarked for the next five years.

Company spokes quently point out that the cost of cleaning up 30 per cent of the nation's bathing beaches is being borne by just 3 per cent of the population.

The argument cut no ic with the Monopolies Commis-sion when SWW sought to challenge price caps imposed by Ofwat, the industry regula-

tor. Price increases have been restricted to half a per cent above RPI for 1996-97, to 1 per cent above for the following three years and to the level of inflation in each of the A report by the National Rivers Authority on last summer's drought disclosed that five billion litres of water following five years.

"If a takeover spreads the cost over a larger number of people — whether they live in Wessex or in the Severn Trent area — it's got to be a belp," said Mr Petride

News in brief

Outlook

Pauline Springett

RINKS company Guin Dness had done its ut-most to ensure that its 1995 results did not cause seismic wayes. The market was primed to expect flat sales and profits figures, thanks to last January's

the same boat. The problem is | that the developed world's al-coholic drinks market is mature. In the 1960s, price rises were fairly easily disguised by inflation, and were swallowed

ciently as possible". Sir Robert said Mr Hoff-

mann, who was not being

accordingly. As the Guinness chairman, Tony Greener, acknowledged, today there is a "totally differ-ent environment". Low inflation has made price rises

harder to push through. Added to that, real volume increases from the markets of the developing world still

Guinness's spirits division, United Distillers, accounts for 65 per cent of profits. It has been reorganised into six div-isions and produced profits of 2873 million, 3 per cent down on 1994. Apart from Japan, there was a poor performance in the US due to a difficult in the US due to a difficult climate for the sale of mid-significantly in 1996," he said

Chairman says a million pints of draught Guinness are drunk every day in Britain

C. Sanitorse the price rise attempts, there is no disguising the way in which the company needs to

achieve real sales growth. One way of achieving this might be to make a purchase. Mr Greener said the company would consider any good ac-

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Planemaker confirms 1,000 jobs may go

SHORTS, the Belfast planemaker, yesterday confirmed that it may shed 1,000 jobs after the collapse of one of its main custom-ers, Fokker. Shorts has produced wings for the Dutch company for 30 years. Ken Brundle, vice-president of aerospace operations, suid the east Belfast company foared some 300 workers would have to be made compulsorily redundant.

Another 540 people will go as their short-term contracts expire. Nearly 250 workers have volunteered for early retire-ment or redundancy. Mr Brundle said it was hoped to retrain 300 workers for jobs in the company and discussions continued with government agencies over funding. - David Sharrock

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National Provident Institution Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 160th Annual General Meeting of members of National Provident Institution will be held at the City Conference Centre, 76 Mark Lane, London EC3, on Wednesday, 17 April 1996, at 12.00 noon, for the transaction of the following ordinary business:

- * To receive and adopt the Accounts and Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 December 1995:
- To reappoint as a Director, Mr A C Barker. *
- To reappoint as a Director, Mr J D Carter. *
- * To reappoint as a Director, Baroness Hogg.
- * To reappoint as a Director, Mr L J Martin.
- * To reappoint as a Director, Mr D J M Roberts.
- * To reappoint as a Director, Mr J J H Wormell.
- (All of the above Directors are members of the Remuneration Committee)
- * To reappoint Coopers & Lybrand as Auditors and to authorise the Directors to determine their remuneration.
- * To increase the upper limit of each Non-Executive Director's basic fee to £25,000 per annum, and subject to this limit, to authorise the Directors to determine the rate of the basic fee.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD: Steven O'Brien, Company Secretary.

Principal Office: National Provident House, 55 Calverley Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2UE.

NOTE: A member entitled to attend and vote at the general meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and, on a poll, to vote instead of him or her. A proxy need not be a member of NPI. Proxy forms are available on request from the Company Secretary at the Principal Office. Completed proxy forms must be deposited at the Principal Office not later than 12 noon on 15 April 1996.



If you would like a copy of NPI's Report and Accounts 1995, write to John Fisher, NPI, GV02C, National Provident House. 55 Calverley Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2UE

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Fraudster free to seek contract

HE Department for Edu-cation and Employment has refused to inform the bodies handing out mil-lions of pounds in government training cash that one of the hidders for contracts — Patrick Doyle — is a con-victed fraudster whose col-

ing the 1996/97 contracts in the next few days. They have been denied the information about Mr Doyle and his businesses which would be crucial in making informed decision about contracts.

tabled a number of parliamen-Preston, said yesterday that he had no knowledge of Mr tary questions to the Education Doyle's background or of the Secretary, Gillian Shepherd, DTI investigation into the asking why her department failed to take account of the AST group, which collapsed last March. He said that he DTI investigation when adviswould be making immediate ing TECs about contracts. inquiries with LawTec's local Other TECs contacted by

government office -- which the Guardian yesterday provides the council's fundrefused to discuss the award ing of contracts until formal

He added that no decision announcements are made has yet been taken about whether to renew a contract next week. A spokesman for one council said the TEC was with Mr Doyle's new training aware that "something was enterprise, Firlands. The TEC National Council going on last year" in respect of Mr Doyle's businesses but said it had been unable to ad- | had no details.

vise its members about the situation because it has been given no firm information by

"It would be a lot easier if the DTI would say what is going on," a spokesman said. A spokeswoman for the DIEE said that no advice has been given to the TECs about Mr Doyle and his business adding: "An investigation does not mean anything will or has been found." The DTI refuses to say

whether an inquiry is under way. Investigations carried out under section 447 of the Companies Act are not usually publicised by the depart-ment. A DTI spokesman said yesterday: "We don't discuss

regulators." He also declined to say whether the DTI had any pol-

icy on awarding publicly-funded contracts to firms that are under investigation. Rhodri Morgan, Labour MP for Cardiff West, last night

at 116p. - Jan King

Laura Ashley appointment

JOHN THORNTON, a London-based partner of Wall Street banking group Goldman Sachs, was yesterday named as the new non-executive chairman of fashion group Laura Ashley. He is due to take up the appointment on May 21 when the present chairman. Liberal Democrat peer Lord Hooson, retires. Mr Thornton recently joined the board of the Ford Motor Company. - Ian King

Reliant bidders in dispute

AN eleventh-hour dispute between joint bidders yesterday left the future of three wheel car manufacturer Reliant in doubt, after a meeting of creditors claiming they are owed more than £1.5 million was adjourned until April 2. Reliant laid off 100 workers from its plant at Tamworth. Staffordshire, before Christmas. Production continued with 12 workers after chief executive Peter Hall put the company into administration

Creditors said contracts were about to be signed to divide the fibreglass bodied car's rights and assets at home and abroad when the dispute emerged. A third bil came from Mr Hall and private financiers who are believed to have sought to keep the company in British hands. - PA

Yellow Pages prices attacked

BRITISH Telecom has been told to cut the charges of its Yellow Pages division after the Monopolies Commission ruled that the group was abusing its effective monopoly of classified directory advertising sarvies. The commission said that BT, through Yellow Pages, had exploited its 84 per cent share of the market by charging high prices to advertisers against the public interest.

John Taylor, competition and consumer affairs minister, backed the commission's recommendation that Yellow Pages cut its charges by 2 per cent a year in real terms for at least three years. It has also been prohibited from covering any area with more than one classified directory. — Nicholas Bannister

Forsyth jury still out

JURORS in the Old Bailey trial of former Asil Nadir aide Eliza-beth Forsyth will resume their deliberations today, after the judge yesterday told them a majority verdict would be acceptable. Mr Justice Tucker gave the direction after the jury had sat for eight hours without reaching a decision. Mrs Forsyth, aged 59, from Great Dunmow, Esser, denies two

charges of handling £393,050 knowing or believing it to have been stolen. — Dan Atkinson

CU chief earnings rose 26pc

COMMERCIAL Union's chief executive, John Carter, was given a 26 per cent increase in his renuneration package last year, taking his income to £457,957. In addition Mr Carter received a pension. contribution of £39,375, compared with £26,500 the year before. Another director, Peter Ward, saw his remuneration rise from £253,332 to £313,082, while Tony Wyand earned a total of £386,655 against £316,846 the year before.

The insurance group, which has decided to introduce Greenbury-style reporting for executive remuneration a year ahead of deadline, said that the total paid to executives, including pension contributions and performance bonuses, rose by 47.5 per cent to £1.58 million. The company's profits for last year were 32 per cent

higher at 2634 million. — Lisa Buckinghom Petrol stations warning

FROST Group, Britain's biggest independent petrol retailer, yes-terday warned that several thousand independent petrol stations could close this year as a result of the price war. James Frost, the chairman, said the outlook for the rest of 1996 looked tough and he expected a number of suppliers to pull out of the UK.

The group unveiled a 39 per cent improvement in full year pre-tax profits, to £15.1 million, although this does not cover the period since the start of the price war. Frost shares were down 20

The DIEE insists that the contracts are not a matter for the department, even though public money is involved. A spokesman for one train-ing council, LawTec, based in

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Doncaster plan to kick start the season

Switch to April would avoid Cheltenham and Aintree Festivals

Chris Hawkins

HE turf Flat season got off to its usual low-key start in mis-erable conditions at Doncaster yesterday and did much to support the argu-ment that it would make far greater impact if launched after the Grand National in April

John Sanderson, chief exec-utive at Doncaster, will be bursuing discussions with the British Horseracing Board about putting back the open-ing fixture, although he daubts whether it will happen

for some time. "We wouldn't like to see Doncaster lose the opening of the Flat, but with the profile of Cheitenham and the Grand National forever growing we've become the meat in the sandwich," said Sanderson. "We could have a jump meeting here on this date and start off the Flat in April. This could be our contribu-

tion to the Millenium.

In theory, it sounds sen-sible enough, but one of the big problems is Easter, which often comes early in April and has a traditional fixture

John Smee, head of race-planning at the BHB, com-There are a number

from Doncaster and until we have I am not prepared to speculate on how we might react."

RACING: THE OPENING OF THE FLAT

Punters took a pasting at the Cheltenham Festival last week with only one favourite obliging in 20 races and the story was much the same yesterday as a succession of big priced winners went in.

Jackson Hill, at 64, pro-vided the only relief for backers when taking the Transpennine Express Handicap, running on stoutly in the hands of Pat Eddery to hold the persistent Deadline Time. This was a first dividend to be reaped by his trainer, Roger Charlton, who has in-stalled a new all-weather gal-

op at Beckhampton Geoff Wragg flew back temporarily from supervising Pentire's preparation for the

Dubai World Cup next week to saddle First Island, ridden by Michael Hills, to win the You could say this was a

boost for Pentire, but the two haven't worked together since January when First Island was his lead horse in some light work," said Wragg. "Tm very happy with Pentire - he seems to have taken to the sand out there -and I'm sure we'll give Cigar

a race. With news that Pennekamp is injured again and will miss the event there now looks likely to be a field of 11 for the

world's richest race, worth a total of \$4 million. Pennekamp, who has not raced since sustaining a leg fracture at Epson last June, has been in Dubai since Januof implications, but we have any preparing for an ambi-had no formal application tious comeback. Apthony Ya Kefaah in the opening

Muddy marvel . . . Michael Hills (right) drives home First Island to win yesterday's Stones Bitter Doncaster Mile Stroud, owner Sheikh hammed's racing man said: "The old splint pro has recurred and the extent the injury is such that he be unable to make the rac For half an hour yest Royston Firench was he

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Noyan tuned up for Cup bid

Ron Cox

AST week's Chelten ham Festival can point the way to solving the first of three competitive handicaps at Doncaster today when Noyan makes a quick reappearance in the Cystic Fibrosis Research

Cup. A highly creditable ninth of 18 finishers behind Trainglot in the Coral Cup Hurdle, Noyan is fancied to make the most of his featherweight over this two and

a quarter miles. This is the first time Noyan has had a proper test of stamina on the Flat, which is surprising since he stays so well over hurdles. Of today's rivals, Meant To Be and Blaze Away have

also been in good form over hurdles recently, but the ground has gone against the latter and Meant To Be will have her work cut out trying to give 30lb to Noyan

(3.05). Provided he handles the rain-softened going, Mihriz (3.40) can go close in the William Hill Spring Mile on his first outing for Reg Akehurst.

His form tailed off last season, when he was with Dick Hern, but Mihriz has been showing signs of a revival for his new trainer. who won this race with Sharp Prospect 12 months

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20	040030- REMARCH SUN (104) LI Usher 4-8-7	
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4.50 (2m. Hole): 1, JOSEFINA, A Thornton (25-1): 2, Manolete (7-2) (lav): 3, Teen Jay (10-1): 7-2 (tay: Sant Ciol. 8 ran. 1, 10. (M McCormack) Toba: 534.10; 55.10, 51.40.

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		POLITICAL MEMBER & Glidson 13-11-4
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FP CUSH SUPREME (50) (BF) F Murch 7-11-2

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Soccer

Defiant Chase in no mood to quit

and look at this information and provide it to purchasers,

then, if the interested parties have the money, I will sell."

So little do the shareholders

trust Chase, however, that many assumed it to be a trap and hesitated. "There has got to be a catch somewhere but I

just can't work out what it is yet," said Ken Brown, the first manager Chase saw out

Brown's contribution to the

ing the most passion-

annual general meeting had

John Duncan sees Norwich's unpopular chairman stand up to angry shareholders

HE question was not on the agenda of Nor-wich City's packed and angry annual shoulder to shoulder with general meeting yesterday, but it was one which almost all the 250 or so shareholders packed into the Executive Suite at Carrow Road were asking. How long can their chairman Robert Chase go

In football terms Chase is more lion than canary, more Millwall than Norwich. No one likes him but he does not appear to care. A vote on a Chase-nominated director was hopelessly lost on a show of hands; a card vote pro-duced 71 per cent in favour, "a majority of 47,000 votes," said Chase with glee. He holds 48,000 shares.

Ironic applause and jeers echoed through the room. The nominee had not even been asked to address shareholders on why he should be elected. Well, what would have been the point?

"You have been quoted, Mr Chairman, as saying that it is only a minority of people who oppose you," said one share-holder. "So will everybody who may a base to a will holder. "So will everybody of Carrow Road, the season who wants Chase to go put after Norwich won the Milk their bands up.

The hands went up, the espectable businessmen, the respectable businessmen countants, the suits, the

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Cup.

Chairman now . . . Chase in a field of his own ROB HOWARTH

Romania's coach forces admission of corruption which is so impressive. Nevertheless he could not rescue Leeds's FA Cup hopes at Anfield on Wednesday, and The association's chairman | tion usually means clubs can Chris Stephens in Bucharest Mircea Sandu yesterday said not generate enough money to keep professional players. So they offer bribes, usually to lordanescu had been right. He told a highly charged press conference: "Of course there are rigged matches in the

ate. "I don't know anything about accounts. Mr Chase," sold Brown, a gentle man driven to finger-pointing, "but the thing is. Mr Chase, you know nothing about foot-

ball." But if one could patent Chase's personality, Teflon would be out of business in a fortnight.

shoulder to shoulder with Labour councillors telling him to go. A card vote was not necessary; 71 per cent would "Would you accept. Mr Chase, that you have liqui-dated players and turned have been in Chase's favour. Chase is a consummate pol-itician: few can touch him them into bricks and mortar?" tar?" asked a shareholder. "No." said Chase. But the names of Chris Sutton, Tim when it comes to avoiding the question or stealing the oppo-sition thunder. Early on he of-Sherwood, Andy Linighan, Andy Townsend, David Phil-lips, Ruel Fox and Efan Ekoku, among others, came to mind. To those, Jon Newsome fered the room the tantalising prospect of what it wanted. "I have received an offer for my shares which I am pre-(captain) and Ashley Ward (top scorer) were added last week, with Norwich three de feats from the relegation pared to accept, but I need to be able to give confidential in-formation to the buyers." he said. 'If this meeting is pre-pared to agree to a firm of national auditors to come in zone. Darren Eadie or Ian

Crook could follow soon. Chase has made good profits on all those who have gone, but, say the sharehold-ers, that is not the point. "What other club sells a centre-half and a centre-forward and buys a flour mill? We are the laughing stock of the league," complained one. Chase argues that money had to be spent on the ground

but most of his shareholders want a club to be proud of more than capital assets and a healthy balance sheet. "The trouble with us is that

we are all fur coat and no knickers. We could end up with a great ground and no team." said Beverley Johnson, also a shareholder. "The only thing that keeps me go-ing is that Thatcher was like

that, but even she was forced out in the end." Players Chase has sold since 1986:

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Evention Man Utd Rangers Rangers Man Utd Chelsea Arsenal Covorday Rangers Blackburn Chelsea Wolvets Okdham Forest breathtaking goal which won the game for Manchester United against Arsenal on Wednesday night, he said: "It was like one of Yeboah's." Newcastle Bradford C Blackburn

received no greater accolade. Tony Yeboah. 29, is sixth in the list of the Premiership's top scorers this season, with 19 goals in all competitions despite occasional absences through international duty and injury. But it is as much y as the qu

HEN Alex Fergu-son eventually threat. He followed his £3.5 goals with a stab from six found the words to million transfer from Ein-feet, but he is devastating million transfer from Ein-tracht Frankfurt in January shooting from distance with express his admiration for Eric Cantona's last year with 20 goals in 23 power and accuracy or head cames. He was then an un-known quantity. But though English defences have now come to know him, they still find him difficult to shut out.

"English defences are usu-ally flat." he said. "which gives the striker an advan-The Ghanaian international striker, who will be in Leeds's Coca-Cola Cup final side against Aston Villa at Wem-bley on Sunday, could have tage. In Germany when I beat someone there was usually a sweeper. In England, with my speed, I make it difficult for

Anyone to get back to cover." have never wo Premiership defenders at first stood off him, waiting to one like him." see what would happen, often finding out too late that the short back-lift prefaced a

to myself," he said.

Yeboah was probably at his best in Leeds's first-round, first-leg Uefa Cup tie against ol into line dack (

hat-trick, but he has also

scored spectacular goals

against West Ham, Liverpool and Wimbledon this season.

been successful right from the

Sport in brief

Broadcasting

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Alan Weeks, a BBC commen-

tator since 1951, is hanging up

"That is the reason I have

had hun at all At one time be in Kumasi, kicking a football was fifth on Wilkinson's list made of leaves tied with as he searched for a big-name striker from Europe, al-"He is exceptionally good at what he does," said one ob-server. "He appears to tap the hall but it flies. He is physithough that was largely be-cause Eintracht were not prepared to entertain inquiries. Faustino Asprilla, Ruben Sosa, Tomas Skuhravy and even Tomas Brolin, who even-tually signed later, were ahead of the Ghanaian. But a cally a very powerful man. He

is one big muscle on legs." Howard Wilkinson goes fur-ther: "He is unique. That is not because he can do things change of coach at Eintracht led to disharmony, and other strikers can't but be-cause he does them better. I Yeboah was allowed to go. He had an escape clause in have never worked with a finisher like him or even seen

his contract with Leeds, allowing him to leave last summer if he had not settled. Thankfully for them, he fell in love with Yorkshire and,

in two of his four seasons

more particularly. Yorkshire

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with Eintracht, whom he joined after two seasons with the Second Division club 1.FC ball when his Leeds contract

start in Ghana," he said. "The | he left Africa to join them. important thing is to score after a German tourist had goals." Doing that has already beloed him find a club. It was earned him cult status at Elland Road. Yet Leeds might not have he was a barefeet youngstor

string. Yeboah recalls was a kid back home in Ghana it was always a big ano

bition to one day plot at Wembley, I used to watch the cup finals on television when came to Europe, and you can tell there is something special about the occasions.

"It will be a marvellous mo-ment for me stepping out on to that pitch, but to score distre would be a special landmark in my career. I don't want to have unhappy memories of Wear bley through losing. "But it is important for the

team to win. We cannot win the Premier League now, and ating into Enro He was the leading scorer the Coca Coln Cup 18 7

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Leeds want Tony Yeboah to unleash one of his spectacular strikes against Aston Villa at Wembley

Hot-shot poacher from Kumasi

Cynthia Bateman on Tony Yeboah's desire to fulfil a childhood dream by firing Leeds' ambitions in Sunday's Coca-Cola Cup final

Romania football association admitted yesterday that corrup-tion and match fixing is rife in the national league. The admission came after the national team coach Anghei lordanescu threatened to resign over the issue.

Iordanescu became a national hero in 1994 when Romania produced one of the shock results of the World Cup, beating Argentina to ad-vance to the final eight of the competition.

On Monday he caused consternation by announcing that he would leave before the European Championship this summer because the Romanian FA had ignored his claim that sleaze was now embedded in the game. But three frantic days later

he has dropped the threat, apparently in return for a promise that the problem will be tackled.

BLACKBURN Rovers are bto sign the Manchester City midfielder Garry Flit-croft for £3.2 million today

Flitcroft, 23, who joined

City from the FA's School of Excellence in the sum-

mer of 1991, will fill the gap left when David Batty left

City's chairman Francis

Lee said: "Garry's given

great service to Manchester City. We didn't instigate

this move. But he is talking

with Blackburn Rovers and

it will be up to him." Steve Lodge, who upset

Chelsea in their FA Cup

third round tie with New-

castle at Stamford Bridge

by allowing more than four minutes of injury time dur-

ing which Les Ferdinand

forced a replay, has been

picked to referee the Lon-

don club's semi-final against Manchester United

at Villa Park on Sunday

to strengthen Swindon's

faltering Second Division title challenge.

subject to a medical.

for Newcastle.

Flitcroft set to join Blackburn

and fill midfield gap left by Batty

has not been analysed." Match fixing in Romania is already a national joke. So many teams now do it that one television station recently screened a programme show-ing the highlights of fixed games, complete with theatri-cal dives by goalkeepers and fluffed chances by forwards. At some matches the fans sing songs of ridicule when con-

championship, but to have

evidence is not so simple. You

have to discover them ... It

tors in his decision to stay. fronted with otherwise inexplicable results. Many clubs, the Dinamos, Red Stars. Petroluls and Glo rias, were artificially created

If next season's European

Cup final goes to extra time the team scoring first will win the trophy. Uefa yester-day decided to extend sud-den-death in extra time to

the champions competition

- it already operates in the

Cap Winners Cup - in an attempt to avoid the need

Uefa also agreed that the

format of the European Cup

would remain unchanged

in 1996-97, ignoring calls

for the competition to be expanded to include teams

other than current national

England will face a stern

test of their European

Championship credentials

by Bulgaria who have picked a near full-strength squad for next Wednes-

The injured defender

day's frindly at Wembley.

Tsanko Tsvetanov, who

played in Bulgaria's Euro-

pean Championship quali-

Kronenitev Ivanov, Hubcius, Sonche Kronenitev Ivanov, Hubcius, Sonmoro Vordanos, Stochkov Locitiko, Balako Penev Kostadunov Guonichov, Svakov

Sormarov Balakov

for a penalty shoot.

champions.

week. Steve McMahon bas signed the Derby County midfield player David yesterday.

Preece. 32, on loan in order | BULGARIA: Mikhaile

will monitor games in the closing weeks of the season when bribery is traditionally to glorify key enterprises or communist ideals and surat its height. Iordanescu said yesterday: "I am not naive enough to think things will change, but at last I have vived on state hand-outs. Now they are struggling to make ends meet in the new freemarket system where relegapushed the alarm bell."

Bucharest

SFA looks into

THE Scottish FA has set up an inquiry into the fracas in the tunnel at the end of the

to an injured home player.

irate Dunfermline players.

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twice for Rangers.

tunnel fracas

he has found goals less easy to come by as English defenders mid-table clubs with little to

play for. "Nowhere is soccer a clean Results

game, but in Romania it has passed its limits," lordanescu

said. His resignation threat Soccer

brought appeals from Roma-nia's president Ion Iliescu

ASIAN CLYMPIC CUALIFIERS: Group B: South Kares J. China 0, Saudi Anabia -Kazakhstan 0. and from Hie Nastase, the former tennis champion now

Golf

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Tennis

ST PETERSBURG OPEN: Second round: D Vacek (C2) bi J Golmard (Fr

round: D Vacek (C2) bi J Golmard (Fr) 6-2. 6-1: M Gastafason (Swe) bi A Jarryd (Swe) 8-2. 6-2. L Burgemailler (Ger) bi K Carleen (Der) 6-3. 6-7 7-5: M Tistroni (Swe) bi J Lohanson (Swe) 6-4. 6-6. 7-5: J Tarango (US) bi N Keiter (Ger) 3-6. 6-3. 7-8: Y Kanishikaw (Has) bi D Norman (Ba) 4-6. 6-3. 6-4. DAVIS CUP (Duba): Asis/Oceania sease Group At Singapore 2. Pacific Oceania 1: Kazakistan 2. Syria 1: Malaysia 2. Oman J & Brousi B: Lobanon 3. Brunei 0; Ozar 3. UAE 0: Bangladest 3. Jordan 0.

natch between the First Division promotion rivals Mor Basketball ton and Dunfermline at Cap-

HBA: Toronio 107, Charlotte 89; Atlante 86; Vancouver 93; Boston 90, Orlando 112, Marmi 102, Detroit 83; Washington 101, S Antonio 112; NY 102, Indiana 93; Milwau-kee 37; Bacramenta 122; Utah 107, Phila-delphia 84, LA Clippers 110, Minnesota 98. pielow Park on Tuesday. It followed Morton's equal iser in injury time, which stemmed from a throw-in by Derek Collins after the ball

Bowls had been kicked into touch by

BOWIS WORLD CHAMPTONISHIPS (Adelaide) Triples: Solotion Ar Australia bi Singa-pore 28-12: Georganey bi Namiba 25-12: Israel bi United States 20-16; United States bi Guernsey 28-11; Israel bi Na-mibia 23-9; Kenga bi Singapore 30-14; Australia bi United States 24-26: Esrael bi Singapore 20-11; Namelbia bi Kenya 46-2. Section & Wales bi Argentina 24-12; Cook Islands bi Thalland 16-11; Ireland bi Swaziland 35-6; South Africa bi Malay-sia 21-12; Argentina direv with Malaysia 14-14, Israiand bi Cook Islanda 22-10; Wales bi South Africa 19-12; Swaziland bi Thaliand 25-13; Tasiland M Argentina Dunfermline's goalkeeper Ian Westwater to allow treatment Instead of returning the ball to the opposition as is the usual practice, Collins threw it to a colleague. After the Fixtures goal, he was surrounded by "I would have done the Wales bi South Africa 19-12, Swaziland bi Thailand 25-13: Tasliend bi Argambna 16-11, Wales bi Cook Islands 35-7; South Africa bi Ireland 25-12; Swaziland bi Ma-layca 16-15. Societon C: Botzewana bi Zambia 27-11: Brazil bi Jansoy 19-12: Canada bi Western Samoa 24-9; Sociitand bi Grazil 22-11: Canada Di Zambia 24-9; Sociitand bi Botswana 19-6; Brazil bi Western Samoa 13-12; Canada drew with Jersey 13-13 Sociitan Dr England bi Ma-Iswi 16-14; Fiji bi Hong Kong 21-16; New Zouland bi Zambetwe 33-8; Norfolk Islamed bi Agaya New Guinea 25-7; Engl Ismi bi Papua New Guinea 25-7; Engl Ismi bi Papua New Guinea 25-7; Figi bi Zintbabw 27-11; New Zaaband bi Malawn Kong 18-13; Norfolk Island bi Malawn 17.30 unless stated same thing," said Morton's manager Allan McGraw. "I defy anyone to give the ball to the opposition in the last min-Soccer Partick Thistle have failed **Rugby League** in their attempt to have last month's 2-1 home defeat by Rangers replayed. The referee sent off two Partick players. Basketball BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Newcastle Loicester (8.0): Leopards v Worthing (8 one of whom he had booked for making the sign of the cross. and later admitted that Hockey should have dismissed

Constraints 2/-11 New Zazama bi Hong Kong 18-13, Norobi Laland bi Kalaw 25-7, New Zazama bi England 22-15, Fig bi Norolik Island 20-14, Hong Kong Fig Papua New Guinoa 43-9; Zizababwe bi Malawa 39-3; WOMEN'S INDOOR HOME INTERNA-TIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Lianelli) Paul Gascoigne, who scored

His power is awesome, from comingly little effort. He is not so much a goal poacher as

the net. "Sometimes, when I

score, I can't even explain it

Wates 143, kreined 94 (Weith first): C Morgan kosi ta B Centeron 25-15; R Jones til N Monigomere 42-5, A Dalakter bit B Wyle 25-10; S Oliver kosi ta Jitalhet-kond 23-18; B Morgan tri M Johnson 20-16; D Romiseds to H Mallon 22-14 Angland 113, Sootland 100 (Eng first); J Roytone bost ta J System 23-16; W Late bi E Wron 17-14; M Price bi E McGarne 19-13, N Starw bi J Lindone 24-19; M Steole bi F Haston 19-15; D Hankon Jost to J Cealan 16-15.

Cricket ONE-DAY MATCH: Nelbourner World X 210-9 (50 overs: D Jones 103), Australia 217-5 (49 overs: M Taylor 75), Australia

on Sunday. The 72-year-old on by live w **Figure Skating**

WORLD CHAMPIONSHEPS (Ed Pairs, final: 1, M Elisova/A Bustik the BBC, including Olympic

Parti, Innaci, M. Etsova/A Bushkov (Rus) 2012. J. Mono/T Sand (US) 5.5: 4, E. Shishkova/V Naumov (Rus) 5.5: 5. K. Kazakova/Ombrien (Rus) 7.0; 6=, K. Ina/J Dunglen (US), K. Sargeant/K. Wirz (Can) 10.0; 16, L. Regers/ M. Aldred (GS) 24.0. Hockey Ice Hockey

NGAL: Montreat 3, Hartford 2; New Jarse 1, Boston 2; Toronto 3, Detroit 4 (ot), Ch cago 2, Calgary 3; Delfas 2, St Louis Winnipeg 1, San Jose 7; LA 2, Colorado **Alpine Skiing**

ASIPARIO SKIING ENTISH CHAMPONSHIPS (Tignes, Fr) Merc Statom: 1, A Baxter (6B Men's Europa Cup Team/Avtemore) Imm 37.405xc2 - A Sullivan (6B Men's Europa Cup Team/Normingham) 1.37.80; 3, J Or-mond (GB Men's Europa Cup Team/Grand Bornand) 1.35,05, Women's Statomus 1, M Adam (6B Women's Europa Cup Team/Grand (6B Women's Europa Cup Team/Aberdeen) 1.39,57; 3, S Ormond (6B/Grand Bornend) 1.40,38.

Marina Eltsova and Andrey Bushkov of Russia overcame several stumbles to collect enough points to win the gold medal in the error-filled fin-als of the pairs event at the world figure-skating champi-

Ice Hockey

Six Cardiff Devils' players, including the 16-year-old goalie Stevie Lyle, were among the 23-man Great Britain squad announced for the N-W COUNTIES LEAGUE First Div Isions Trafford y Maine Rd. world championship pool B tournament which takes Inion Trafford v Maine Rd. LEAGUE OF IRRELAND: Premier Div-leione Bohemians v Denry C (7.45); SI Pat-ricks Ath v Drogheda Utd (7.45) place in Eindhoven next month, writes Vic Batchelder.

GREAT BRITAIN: Netminders Lyle ICardiff, Foster (Durham), Morrison (Basingstoke). Defense: Stracham (Basingstoke). Defense: Stracham (Basingstoke). S Cooper, Hepe (both Cardiff), Bisbop (Humberside). Kertenbach (Guuldord), Lindsay (Manchester) Dixen (Durham). Forwards Adoy, Hant, Mergan, Tai (Bi Notlingham), Soott Milton Keynes). Conwey (Besingstoke), Longstaff, Cramstow, Chinn (all Sheffield). Gardao (Humborstoi, McSwon, Moria, I Cooper (Cardif). WENDLIES: Keighley v Halifas: Oldhar v Hunslei (80): Warrington v Leigh (80). INTER SERVICES CHAMPIONSHIP (230, Aldershaj); PAF v Royal Navy, HOME COUNTRIES SCHOOLS CHAM-PIONSHIP (10 (jam, Livingston FC)

Squash Shoppers see Walker stroll to his greatest victory

Saarbrücken. He was 22 when | ends in 1998.

his microphone after complet-ing his commentary on the **Richard Jago** world figure skating champi-

onships in Canada which end CHRIS WALKER, a mem-ber of the England squad which won the world title for Weeks has commentated on some of the great sporting moments in his 45 years with the first time four months ago in Cairo, seemed suitably at home in an arena decorated with Pharaohs, Tutankhamun designs and Egyptian coyotes as he scored the finest

Southgate's Soma Singh has been recalled to the England Eyles at the Equitable Life team for the game against India in Milton Keynes on Super Series final in Hatfield. One of the world's most innovative venues, with the public in the Galleria Centre

transparent glass at the best eight players in the tour. brought a surprise in the opening match when the

sex man overcame the Australian 4-9, 10-3, 2-9, 9-5, 10-8. Brett Martin.

Johnson's perfect timing

WICHAEL JOHNSON has who is asking for the sched the Olympic timetable so that compete in the long jump., he can attempt an unprece-dented double in the 200 and 100m and 200m. Because ha may have some difficulty 400 metres. qualifying for the United

Johnson has won the back-ing of Primo Nebiolo, the In-States team in all these events, his petition would apternational Amateur Athletic pear less pressing Federation president, for his But the council is expected

proposal to have the 400m to change the starting time of completed before the 200m the men's marathon from starts. The change is expected 6.30pm to 7.50am, offering to be approved by the IAAF competitors a little extra council at its meeting in Cape Town on Sunday and Monday. relief from Atlanta's heat and humidity, on the evidence presented by the IAAF medi-Nebiolo had appeared reluc-tant to make the change, but cal commission chairman he was won over when he met Arne Ljungqvist. Johnson at Monaco in Decem-ber. "Nebiolo has said he will

"There is no such thing as an ideal time for running a try to do what is possible." marathon in July in Atlanta. the IAAF spokesman Giorgio he said. "We have to find the Reineri said. "I think the least unfavourable time. chances for Michael Johnson Based on experience and are very good." The LAAF will also consider recommendations, the morning would be better than the a petition from Carl Lewis, afternoon or evening.

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was a bit of a nightmare for a while," he admitted. "Then I played the railies out a little bit before attempting to go short.' Once Walker got into the match he discovered both the court, which tended to make the ball die short, and the experimental American scoring

For a while, though, it seemed Walker might be

overwhelmed. He was a game

down and 5-1 down in the

second against an opponent he had only ever beaten once

before on the circuit before he

began to make progress. "It

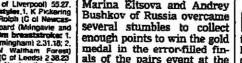
system up to nine, which shortened the matches conpausing in the middle of their shopping to peer from only six feet away through the siderably, suited him well. The result gives Walker a-fighting chance of reaching Sunday's final. But another Englishman in the same group, Mark Cairns, lost 9-4, 10-8, 10-8 to the Australian

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Fitzpatrick. The 27-year-old Tongan forward replaces Tony Kemp, who broke an arm at Halifax in the quarter-Athletics finals. Ice skating

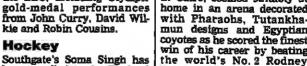


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Sunday as replacement for Simon Hazlitt who tore a hamstring in Tuesday's Army Cup final, writes Pat Rowley. **Rugby League** George Mann will fill the

problematical stand-off posi-tion for Leeds in tomorrow's Challenge Cup semi-final against Bradford Bulls at Huddersfield, writes Paul Swimming



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The fastest flanker in the West

Robert Armstrong | often help to produce scores. That sort of thing wins finds Gloucester's lan Smith confident of running Bath out

AN SMITH's ability to get to the parts of the field other flankers only think about is one reason why Gloucester believe they can topple the holders Bath in tomorrow's Pilkington Cup semi-final at the Recreation Ground The Scotland international

is a comparative rarity in English rugby, a genuine openside with pace, good hands and a nose for the ball, which rep-resents manna from heaven for the midfield backs. Smith, who won his 16th

cap in the Calcutta Cup defeat by England, would dearly love to round off what has been a roller-coaster season with a triumphant final flourish at Twickenham before set-ting off with the Scots on an eight-match tour of New Zea-land. Having flirted with the prospect of a Grand Slam only to see the prize dashed away by his old adversary Dean Richards, his desire for a tro-

phy is doubly sharp. However, 12 seasons with Gloucester and five with Scot-land have turned the 31-yearold civil engineer into an ultra-realist who knows that blood, sweat and a huge dollop of luck will be required to win the West Country derby. 'I have helped Gloucester beat Bath a number of times so I know how hard you have to push yourself to achieve that," he said. "It never gets any easier and no matter what you learn from a previous win it's always a fresh

"I frequently stress to the other players that if you allow Bath to play their game they'll roll right over you. You really need to have beaten them at

Smith is Gloucester's only survivor from the 1990 cup final which saw Bath dish out a 48-6 drubbing that included eight tries (then worth four points apiece). One of the architects of that record result was the England scrum-half Richard Hill, now a guiding figure at Gloucester where. since taking over as director of rugby in the autumn, he

respect and works wonders for confidence." International commitments have restricted Smith to a

single Gloucester appearance this year — he has played about 330 games for the club — but his long familiarity with Bath opponents such as Robinson. Dawe and Redman means he can tune in to the domestic scene straight away. "In any case our captain Dave Sims takes a lot of pressure off the players around him; he focuses our effort, he's a tre-mendous athlete and mentally very mature. I wasn't surprised to hear that Dave helped England A get a big win over the Irish last week." Now that the juggernaut packs traditionally associated with Gloucester are no more than a folk memory. Smith's modern approach to the game, which puts a premium on mobility and precise tech-nical skills, has finally come

into its own. Indeed, the Cherry and Whites have more in common with Scotland's dynamic style of play than with the Kingsholm ethos of the recent past, concentrating on fast rucking, quick ball and incisive running by the

"I'd like to think I bring some of the things I learned with Scotland back to Gloucester," said Smith. "The Scottish team have been look-ing to achieve a pattern of play that will suit us against any type of opponent, espe-cially those in the southern hemisphere. To some extent the Five Nations Championship has been a testing ground for us; there's a bigger world of rugby out there and we want to take part in it and hopefully win a few things. "Have you seen the Super 12 matches on television?

They are a wonderful advert for the game, with teams like Otago scoring seven or eight tries against a good class of opposition.

"I've never toured New Zealand before and I'd love to go there if selected. I still don't think Rob Wainwright, Eric Peters and myself have clicked as well as we should in the back row and I am sure we can be more dynamic together." It speaks volumes for the

playing resources of the two clubs that Peters, of Bath, will have to be content with watching Smith from the bench. The FIDDIOVE s of Sir William Ha en given s n opportunit crow and Pariners, the rugby-friendly company that Smith to resurrect his career in New Zealand this summer. ioned a year ago, will also be looking for the Gloucester open-side to excel. As Smith He was named yesterday in a Scotland squad of 47 which will be reduced next



Holding firm ... Ian Smith shows the coolness under fire that will be vital in tomorrow's West Country cup derby FRANK BARON

Reed given chance to make Scotland comeback in New Zealand

ANDY REED, the Bath hand Lions lock who lest played for Scotland on a row's Pilkington Cup semi-Zealand. This will be the hardest tour that most of 1994 tour of Argentina, has final against Gloucester. the ne are Ian Wynn, the Orrell centre, Matt Stewart, the 01." SCOTLAND BOUAD: Backer Blackheath tight-head prop. and Tom Smith, the Watsonians prop and for-mer Scottish Schools cap. Armstrong (Newcastle Goslorth). (Chainsers (Meiross), M Dots (Northamp Ion), R Erikasen (London Scotlish) (Meiross), Conservation Metrics Fil

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Extra time Edited by Jeremy Alexander Le coq-up laid at Bardot's door

T IS easy in hindsight to see why France, the Five Nations favourites, failed to take the title. There were not understand why I

to take the fills. There were no cockerels. Traditionally Mado releases one on to every pitch the Gallic XV are about to conquer. On the way to Murrayfield last month her cockerel was ap-prehended at Bruges; and last Saturday she was de-tained on business herself.

for defamation and alleg-edly stealing three of her cocks. The pin-up has be-come a stitch-up. Those were the two matches

France lost. Madeleine Delpech is 65 and shares her house in Gaillac, south-west France. with 52 cocks named after players and twice as many bens. She is known as the cockerel woman. Mado v Bardot dates from

1994 when Mado took Marcel (Benazzi's nickname) to Murrayfield, Mado says: "We had eaten lunch in the "We had eaten lunch in the car park. I was a little tipsy. During the police search at the ground Mar-cel popped out of my ano-rak and we were both ar-rested. The police were very rough and I was frag-ile. I only have one hand and one eye. The previous evening I had hurt my knee dancing.

evening I had hurt my knee dancing. "Fortunately I had a least the French will have a

Sixth Column

URTHER evidence has emerged that India, give or take a riot, entered into the spirit of the World Cup better than Pakistan. Stanley Peri-man, chairman of the Israel Cricket Association, was in-vited as an official ICC dele-gate to the semi-finals in Calcutta and Chandigarh and the final in Lahore. Pakistan, which has no diplomatic rela-

plane to Orly, "That," says Mado, "is when the trouble started. Before I had a chance to get to the airport tained on business herself, suing Brigitte Bardot, now an animal rights activist, the Brigitte Bardot Foundation went to customs and stole my cocks. They are dead now." Mado wants 5.000 francs (£650) in damages. Last week a court in Gaillac referred the case to Paris, where it will be

heard next month. This year Mado planned to take Thomas (after Cas-taignède) to Murrayfield. After he was confiscated she was forced to buy a cou-ple of Scottish cocks, which

were no good. She gave them to a policeman before leaving the country.

leaving the country. She was upset before the Wales match anyway be-cause Spanghero had just died, aged 10. He made a good cog au vin. Now Mado is looking for-ward to Ireland next year.

The Irish people have a sense of humour," she says. "I have been doing this for

wooden spoon with me bepoultry excuse.

> League baseball across the border to Mexico. San Diego Padres and New York Mets will play three games in Mon-terrey in August — the first

time official games have been played outside the US or Canada. There is no word on what the Mets' excuse is but the Padres' home, Jack Murphy Sta-dium, has been booked for a Chargers' NFL exhibition contest and the Republican National Convention

THE Dutch national honk-ball team are taking the Olympics seriously and have tions with Israel, refused to turned to the New York Yanhelp. Hon Dutch for baseball and the Netherlands are European champions. The Dutch Olym-pic Committee footed the bill to bring four coaches from the Yankee Stadium, on New York's Harlem River, to Haarlem, in Holland. The Yankees have a Dutch OHN DOWNES, Irish national cross-country ineligible for the Games. The Yankees' owner George Steinbrenner has offered the Dutch his spring training site in Tampa, Florida for two weeks in July before the Games. Steinbrenner is known as George III aftar twice being banned from the game. Honk is Dutch for rest-place.

Eight breakaway clubs who

formed Super League were or-

dered by a court recently to

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challenge.

least once to know what is needed to do it again."

has exercised a powerful influence in the team's recent revival.

Richard is very shrewd and ambitious and deter-mined to get the club going

Having missed ICC meetings there, he will ginger up the one at Lord's in July. He has called for an interna-tional boycott of cricketing events in Pakistan. It gives the ICC a late chance to show the authority it abdicated

> Casagrande is a dancer. His three brothers are professional cyclists, two with initial F. Francesco, ranked ninth in the world, won the Tirreno-Adria-tico on Wednesday; Filippo was eighth. Though the Flor entine brothers race for rival teams, they also help one an-other. The oldest is Stefano, which confuses things further. Stefano Casagranda, from Trentino, won a stage of the Paris-Nice last week.

THE BBC, losing the grands prix to ITV next year, is extending coverage of the Tour-ing Car Championship in a deal for five years and more hours. Murray Walker will be running but wants to raise in the commentary box unless money for the Windmill he is very much mistaken.

CRICKET's tendency to take comfort in the past when the present is dire is borne out at Broathalfpenny on Sunday, over six days and Down, near Hambledon, Hampshire. The Bat and Ball Inn, "shrine to English cricket" as it was called by the 150 miles. Temperatures reach 115F, bedouin hospitality is forbidden and, in case of scorpions, runners carry a venom pump. The seven-year Heritage Minister Peter Brooke in 1993 at the time Ind Coope was removing the bar

and transforming it into a res-taurant called Natterjacks, is being relaunched on Monday "restored to its former glory". Christopher Bazalgette, of the Bat & Ball CC which was

founded when the inn was going down the tubes, announced the relaunch this week. Natterjacks, as conservationists know, are practically gone. Club members, including John Major and the TCCB chairman Dennis Silk, have sent "Hallelujah" messages. So did the new owner Allied Domecq Leisure - when it heard about it, The publicity would be good. But the restoration, thanks to the landlord Louise Hodgkins, was finished in October. before Allied took over from Ind Coope. The cricketers just needed a smile after the World

Cup. Natterjacks might be a good name for them.

during the competition. champion and first Irish winner of the Inter-Countles cross country title, misses the work country the, misses the world championships in Cape Town tomorrow. He is dropped for running in the English Nation-als a fortnight ago after his federation decreed no races longer than 10km.

Yet he is not the high-and-mighty rebel. Life is not like that for a bricklayer. Each "When players decide not morning, with a small ruck-sack on his back, he runs 12 miles to work in London, puts in a full day on a building site, then runs home again. After finishing fourth in the English Nationals he was asked if he had shower and changing facilities at work "Not until we've built them," he said. Downes represents amateurism, which may be more fun than the republic.

> ANOTHER runner sets off today on a hot honey. moon in Morocco - without his wife. Simon Eadie, who married last month, is not even an amateur; he hates School in Fulbourn, Cam-bridge, for children with special needs. He is one of 200 starting the Sahara Marathon

Rugby League ARL takes Lindsay to court **Swede shines in mist**

Michael Britten in Lisbon

Golf

Solve the solve of the solution of the solutio pensioners must rank among the most unusual exercises in pursuit of excellence on the PGA European Tour.

Nevertheless it helped klas Eriksson, a 24-year-old Swede, achieve nine birdies in 11 holes to lead the incomplete first round of the Portuguese Open at Aroiera yesterday.

Eriksson rebounded from a run of four failures to shoot a career-best, eight-under-par 63 and forge a two-shot advantage over the Australian Wayne Riley, with England's Russell Claydon and Ricky Willison sharing third place on 66.

Boxing

the start by more than two hours but gave Eriksson time Riley, a former Australian Open champion now based in to perform the daily weight-lifting routine he embarked Surrey, had four birdies and an eagle in playing the same on this year to improve his general fitness after troublestretch in 30. A long-time dev-otee of the long putter, the reigning Scottish Open chamsome wrist and back injuries. "I discovered the only local fitness centre was for senior pion almost sank a three-iron shot of 225 yards for his eagle citizens, and they blinked when I walked in and asked if at the 15th. But the greens on his in-I could use their equipment," he said. "But they made me welcome and it did wonders

ward half were much less pro-ductive. "They looked like the Grand National had been run for my golf." over them." remarked Riley, Eriksson's muscles have whose work with the Cambernow taken him to the head of the league of long hitters, and Smith over the past 12 after slipping to one over par | months has made him a much after four holes he produced a series of huge drives to create the birdie chances. Accurate approach play then gave him the minimum of work with

more consistent performer. David Feherty had a hattrick of birdies from the 14th in his 70, one under par, but the defending champion Villison sharing third place his putter, and six of his Adam Hunter started and League and who are now n 66. A thick sea-mist delayed feet as he came home in 31. with sixes and returned 74. ARL's jurisdiction.

Paul Fitzpatrick SKELETAL Australian

season starts today against a background of further court actions, one of them involving Maurice Linday, the English Rugby Football League's chief executive. The Australian Rugby place.

League is seeking two sepa-rate injunctions, one against 311 "rebel" players organis-ing a Global League and the other preventing Lindsay having any further involve-ment in the competition.

Lindsay outlined details of Global League on Wednesday. It is designed to provide commover. petition for the 311 players who signed contracts with Rupert Murdoch's Super a devalued competition and at worst none at all.

return to the ARL, but de-prived of many of their players they are unable to turn out teams. Forfeits have been made and only four of 10 scheduled games will take There were signs of a settlement earlier this week but many of the 15 points put for-

ward in a peace plan from the players were rejected by the ARL. The mood of the players hardened and that led to the proposal of a Global League, of which Lindsay was a prime The 311 "rebels" seem determined not to play under the ARL's banner, and while that situation remains the ARL is bound to have at best

to participate for teams which, in many instances, they have played for since starting in football, then it is not just a sad day for rugby league but for sport in this country," commented John Quayle, general manager of the ARL.

Not since the Grand Final of 1909, when Balmain refused to play South Sydney in protest at the match being used as a curtain-raiser to an international, has a game been forfeited in Australian rugby league.

Quayle admitted that the ARL's hopes of having 20 teams in the field this week-end had been "shot down" but felt that if the injunction against Global League was successful the rebel players would return to the negotiating table.

Cycling

Sports Council threat to BCF

THE Sports Council has what, and in whom, we are threatened to withdraw its £580,000 grants to the Brit-The BCF board wants the being asked to invest." The BCF board wants the ish Cycling Federation be-cause of that body's leader-

what we would expect from an established sports body. "We have deep concern

for Television Group, the

respect of future funding was then accused of failure to until we are clear about in | declare commercial interests. | Silk ... joy at the Bat & Ball

Hamed eyes fall-guy Nelson Irish joins the English protest NASEEM HAMED predicts | next week, and Warren plans that Azumah Nelson will a further fight for Hamed in **Robert Pryce**

Basketball

not survive eight rounds if the promoter Frank Warren can deliver an autumn gettogether with the legendary Ghanaian fighter.

world title.

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"Nelson is a boxing legend and I can't wait to meet him." Hamed said yesterday. "They say he is too strong, but at 37 and against my punching he will be stopped in less than eight rounds. I'm not being big-headed; every punch and every angle has been worked | chinny; he will go in less than that OUT.

First, the World Boxing Organisation featherweight champion from Sheffield has to face either the undefeated mandatory challenger Daniel Alicea, of Puerto Rico, or the IBF champion Tom Johnson, of the United States, in London in late May or early June.

July. Then, in September or October, Hamed could meet Nelson, the World Boxing Council's super-feather weight champion. Hamed, who needed only 35 seconds to stop the Nigerian Said Lawal in Glasgow on Sat-urday, added: "I rate Alicea a good, young, strong fighter

but I will probably give him three rounds. Johnson is get-ting past it and looks a bit Warren dismissed the claims of Colin McMillan and Duke McKenzie, who have both lost to Steve Robinson,

from whom Hamed took the to believe that once its position is explained, the players will go along with a Nigel Benn will make an announcement next week about rule change that effectively make some statement. his future, after losing his allows a club to increase which I respect. I think he That decision is expected | WBC super-middleweight title. | its quota of non-British | played it cool."

players from two to five. Colin Irish did not join the All-Star boycott, but he staged a sit-down strike in-NGLISH players angry Lenough to have dis-rupted one of the Budstead. The Worthing Bears player-coach registered his weiser League's showpiece protest by remaining on the events may be prepared to target another. "If this bench for the whole game. Nick Nurse, the Birmingaction is not taken seri-ously," the Basketball Playham coach selected to take charge of the team repre-senting the South, found ers Association general secout that he would be miss-ing the former England forretary Gail Davies said

after eight of her members refused to play in Wednes-day's All-Star game, "then there is talk of Wembley." ward when he was listing his starting line-up for Sky television. "No, I'm not," said Irish, who happened to be passing when his name The league has at least agreed to the meeting the was reached. BPA has been requesting "He thought he needed to for the past year. It appears be there, which showed some class," said Nurse.

"And he also said he should

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tomorrow, when delegates will be asked to endorse the board's vote of no confidence in the president Tony Doyle.

"We have been absolutely appalled by the activities of both parties in recent weeks and the escalating vitriol," said the Council's spokesman Jonathan O'Neill. "It is not

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about the overall manage company sacked by the BCF ment of the BCF and must as promoter of this year's reserve our position in world track championships,

meeting to cancel Doyle's ap-pointment and elect a care-taker chairman. But there his opposition to Mexican immigration, America's Republican party is running Major will be counter-proposals of no confidence in the board.



itch should be heaven.

WHILE Pat Buchanan is running for president on

ship wrangle. The BCF is holding an emergency national council

meeting in Manchester with demands for the resignations of three directors, Colin Clews (technical services). dine (finance).

Lynne Cowan (administration) and Norman Sherimer-Doyle, the former world pursuit champion, was elected in December after an bitter campaign against Ian Emmerson, president for the previous 10 years. Dovle, who acts as a consultant for Sport



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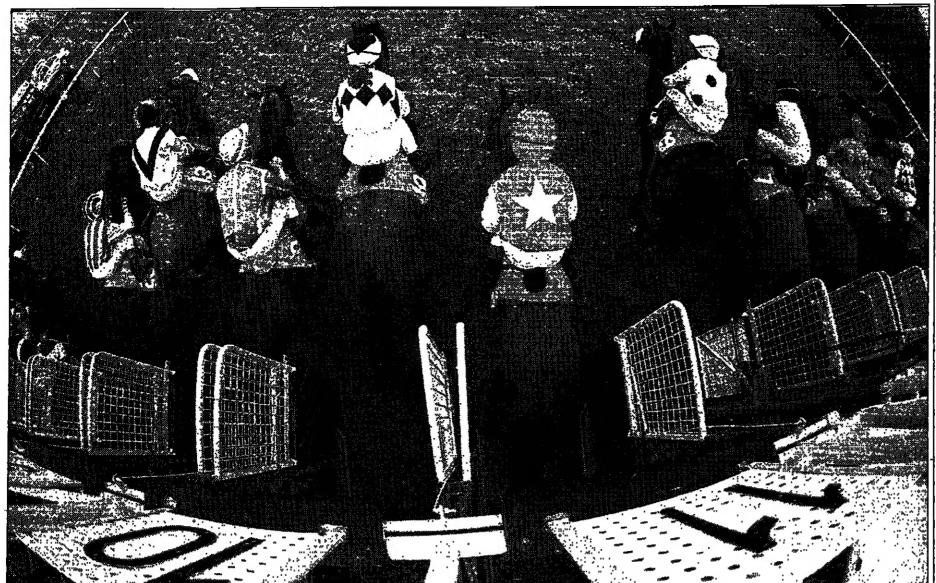
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Norwich pressure mounts on Chase, page 14 Australian RL sues Lindsay, page 15

Sports Guardian

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OUTSIDER GETS FLAT SEASON OFF TO A SURPRISE START



They're off . . . runners clear the stalls in the opening race of the Flat season at Doncaster yesterday, won by Haya Ya Kefaah, far left in the stripes, at 33-1. There were 20-1 and 16-1 winners to come. Doncaster are to canvass for the three-day meeting to be transferred to April to breathe fresh life into the fixture. Chris Hawkins, page 13 PHOTOGRAPH. MICHAEL STEELE

Graveney plays Botham card

David Foot sees the controversial former Test captain enter the reckoning as election battle hots up for control of English cricket

> AVID Graveney, | with a young, eager circle of challenging Ray | aides, a larger management Illingworth to be | team and more back-up. come England's Botham played under him

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panying the build-up to the support of several "floating" vote. The counties are voters. The argument is that thought to be split down the middle; some unable to make change before the recommenchange before the recommen-dations from David Acfield's up their minds whether the strong-minded, often conten-tious Illingworth should be stripped of much of his late summer.

commissioned working party are made known during the He has been the principal most of them — not to be iden-Test selector over the past two years and also team man-seems to be a case, whatever

former Sussex captain John ; opinion. But they have differ-Barclay, 42, the choice of one ent views on a number of or two counties, declined to stand. But Graveney would want to involve him — possipoints. A permanent coach, in the shape of John Emburey — de-spite possible complications over his four-year contract

bly, it seems, as team manager at home and tour with Northamptonshire — or manager abroad.

With manifesto-like fer-vour, Graveney said: "I wouldn't intend doing the other respected and experiame job as Illy. That's an im

Still kicking off with a rush at Kingsholm



Frank Keating

LOUCESTER's famous Cherry and Whites from Kingsholm are zapped up and on edge for tomorrow's daunting semi-final at Bath. So is Gloucester's famous Pink.

The Gloucester Citizen's Saturday evening Pink 'Un remains unique among England's surviving and glorious ream of Saturday "Sports Finals", in that soccer has to scrap for space on its inside pages and the broad and breathless Page One splash is unvaryingly devoted to the afternoon deeds of Gloucester

RFC Another refreshing differ-ence is that the Citizen has a woman as rugby correspon-dent, and a good one too. Tomorrow at Bath, precisely on kick-off, Katie Coker will begin woodpeckering on her laptop keys. She will keep tap-pety-tapping for the full 80 minutes and will log END dead on the final whistle. By which time the Citizen photographer's colour photographs from the touchline will have en processed in the office and pages one, two and three will be exclusively jampacked with Katie's words. There will be even more jos-tling for space tomorrow, with another reporter following the city's junior side Old Cen-

tralians in a semi-final of the Pilkington Shield at Wakefield. With Gloucester's soccerteam, beazering away at Atherstone, taking up the back of the 32-pager, the fat cats of Premiership soccer get very thin inside rations.

OTHING has changed. In my Citi-zen Saturdays over 35 years ago you'd fren-

ago — it is now a Monday eve-ning free tabloid supplement, which is not the same thing at all. There, in its heyday, the rugby Saints would quite regularly elbow soccer's Cobblers out of the page one splash. Gloucester's Pink tomor-row will be "off the stone" by 5.40, and within the hour on the streets and being vroomed all around in vans. By seven o'clock, at the circulation's extremities. say Cinderford to the west. Stroud to the east. you can be enjoying a pub pint while you read all about it. With the headlines, as ever, doing their best to reflect the personalised local gloss. When Gloucester were so crushingly beaten, 48–6 by Bath, in the 1990 Pilkington final, the Pink's headline writer penned "Cherry and Whites in 54-point Thriller". I wonder how long they have left, these colourful little leftovers of olde Englande's 20th century culture. There are healthy enough Pinks and

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Greens and Buff 'Uns dotted all round the north still. mercifully. Rest assured, some suit is looking to kill them all, for they reek of a different homelier age than the future's vacuous Internet idiocy. Saturday evenings were so

deliciously evoked in that classic on Barnsley by Alister and Ward, when "the Barnsley streets became a sea of Green 'Uns as the fanatics read the reports and occasion ally in a dance-hall a man could be seen reading the Green 'Un behind his partner's back as they waltzed"

OON no team will kick off with a rush again. It was Barnsley where a smart-arse new sports editor on the Sheffield Green "Un had the nerve to tell the long-time old Saturday stringer at Oakwell that he'd be fired unless he put some descriptive variations in his reports and cut out his routinely permanent first line, "The Reds kicked off with a rush..."

So, next week, the old boy picked up his phone after five minutes' play and, seethingly obeying orders, began to dictate his intro thus: "Oakwell

tors, last night produced Ian Botham as his election trump card. He said there could be a crucial "dressing-room role" for the former Test captain. this."

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If the 43-year-old Graveney wins this week's postal ballot and deposes Illingworth, he tion," as one county secretary wants to surround himself wryly observed - is accom-

said: "He's such a natural mo-tivator, he inspires and gets ager for the past 12 months. In that time England have won on well with the players. We five and lost seven of their 22 should take advantage of Intense lobbying — "more like that of a General Elec-

our wretched record against South Africa and then in the Tests. Against that, they have remained unbeaten in the last three home Test series. Backed by his native Yorkshire, Illingworth is also

World Cup, to preserve the status quo." Graveney's advocates, headed by Warwickshire, say that he has relative youth and enthusiasm on his side, and counting on the last-minute

as a player only recently retired he has more affinity with the current game than Illingworth.

the structure operates prop-erly, providing continuity in selection and administration. "We should take note of the we should take hole of the way South Africa and Austra-lia do things, while creating our own system. We should start planning now for the 1997 Ashes series."

It had become clear, before He takes pains to point out that he has worked happily with Illingworth and there yesterday's confirmation from Lord's, that there would be no third candidate. The have been no differences of

England boost

portant point to make. I see the chairman's role as an ingly mentioned for involvement in the new structure. Graveney also believes his plans would take pressure off the captain — and he wants overseeing one, making sure Mike Atherton to continue in that job for some time while gaining further experience, expertise and maturity. That leaves one question: How soon? Warwickshire

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want that appointment now. The result of the ballot, with the MCC and Minor Counties each having a single vote, will be announced on Tuesday.

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dedivatiack with a pencil the elistened after the rains and a host of running reports as they sharply textured and almost dropped from the telephone copytakers. "Where do you want Cinderford v Cainscross rugby, sir?" "Downpage front," sir would scream. Later, "What page Arsenal v Man United, sir?" "Two pars, page 12" the genetic differ translucent winter's sunlight page 13," the sports editor would mutter dismissively. The rugger city knew its There used to be more of them. The Northampton Chronicle & Echo abandoned

its Saturday Pink two years

reminiscent of Brueghel's vivid brushwork helped warm the easterly zephyrs which lanced across the ground, and while it bent low the scurrying Lowry-type latecomers to the match, it stirred into picturesque wisps the smoke from the surrounding chimneys as the white-kneed official in black shrilly set things in motion with a sharp whistle-blast and the Reds kicked off with a rush



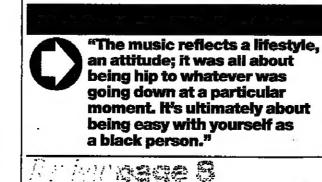
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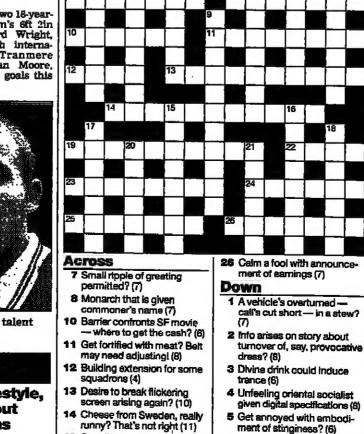


for Bowyer EE BOWYER's excellent form for Charlton was recognised by Terry Venables yesterday when he called up the gifted teenage midfielder for training with the England camp by two 18-year-olds, Ipswich Town's 6ft 2in goalkeeper Richard Wright, an England youth interna-tional, and the Tranmere Rovers striker Ian Moore, the based sud next week the England squad next week. The invitation completed who has scored 10 goals this season. the rehabilitation of Bowyer's career, which was in danger of an early end a year ago when he tested positive for marijuana. This season Bowyer, 19, has

been a driving force in Charl-ton's promotion campaign and he has attracted the inter-est of several Premiership clubs, including Arsenal and Liverpool. A playmaker with energy,

pace and vision, his accurate passing and ability to strike from deep — he has scored 14 goals this season — have marked him out as an international of the future, something borne out by his break-ing into the England Under-21 team at 18. Bowyer will be joined in the Bowyer . . . rising talent





19 Gun displayed in a cathedral S Club offers tip for writer to acquire speed (7) 22 He could take part in pirates 9 Periodical reports posted

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16 Almost awaken desire, at

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24 Gold pervades men's spirit (6) 25 Most circumspect in conflict with site for development (7) ORD SOLUTION 20.604

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17 Frenchman designed a shirt to suit pagan god (7)

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